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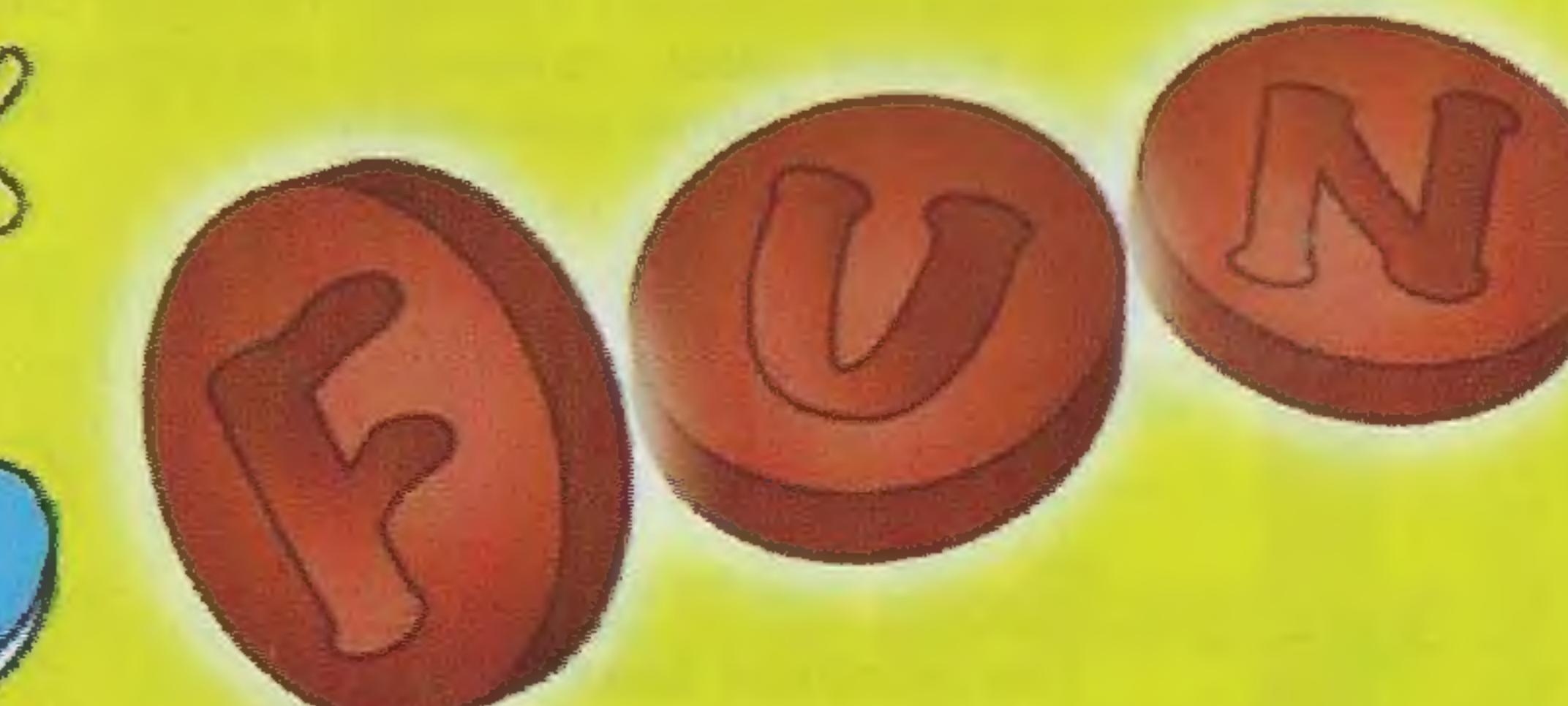


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Here in Otaku Asia, we welcome the new year with an old anime, Naruto. Not only that, we have the inside scoop on the last movie!

Also in this issue are Japanese traditions that are worth trying out: daruma doll, mochi, ramen and more!

We also have reviews of the best of the winter 2014 anime and feel-good mangas you'd want to start this year with.

Gamer's Arena for this issue would have you wanting to slay your first titan. We also have something new, Ankama Games' Wakfu!

Look for the new section, Seiyuu's Mic for our featured seiyuu. I also drew this month's Okun-tales so I hope you enjoy the year 2015 with us~
-GM Kanddy

CONTRIBUTORS QUESTION

If you're a ninja, what jutsu would you have? (Naruto Universe)

Infinite Tsukiyomi. I'll make everybody happy *evil grin*
-James Young Bayot

Shurikenjutsu! I love bladed weapons.
-Dhanliza Atayde Cellona

(OK, I have waited my whole life for this question.)
I am a Mist Village ninja. My jutsu is shurikenjutsu with water, ice and wind release using wire stringed weapons.
(Imagine a combination of Tenten's weapon play and Haku's abilities.)
-Kent Diamante

Probably some kind of Genjutsu. Abilities that let you manipulate control other people indirectly are the best.
-John Robert Lim

Kagebunshin/Shadow clone technique. Watching anime, reading manga, leveling up my game, cooking, derping and sleeping at the same time~ why not? *poof* Everything they watched/read is in my brain now~ PLUS I can be at school and attending conventions at the same time hah!
-Rhaine Agacan

Space-Time ninjutsu to extend time and do more stuff.
-Ann Carmel Flores

Hiraishin no Jutsu / Flying Thunder God Technique >8D
So I could just teleport to wherever I placed the seals...Saving time and money.
-Ren Santos

Rasengan. It's my favorite technique ever since. It is also a friendly technique to users, you can add any elemental affinity to it.
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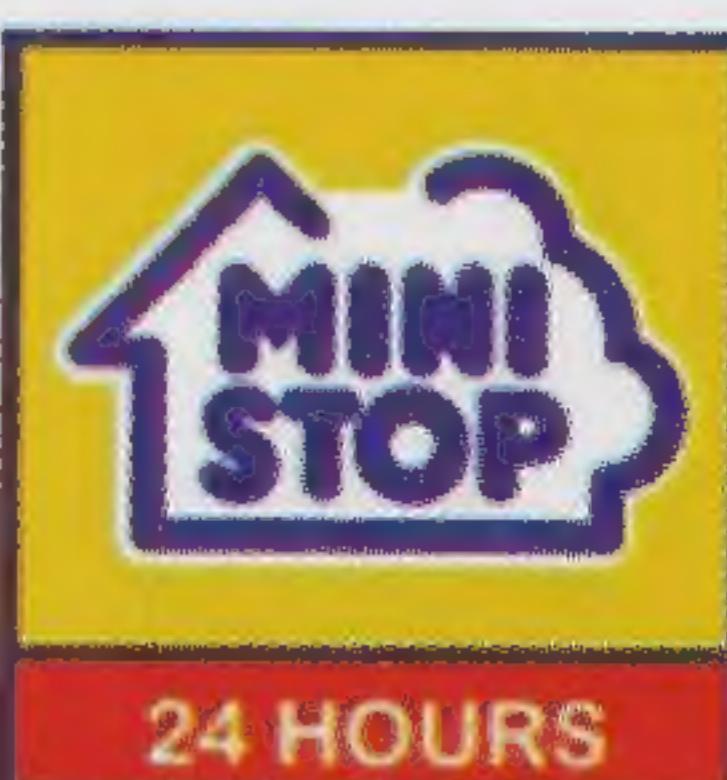
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INBOX

This issue is truly awesomesauce! (OwO) It's loaded with almost everything I love. Thank you OTAKU ASIA, you made my life complete! *w*

- Rica Strauss



Hello everyone and all of the OA staff thanks for the latest mag that you made i would like to request to feature GGO and upcoming anime and also about freebies

-prince lajot



Konnichiwa Otaku Asia

Gusto ko lang po I-share tong mga nabili kong Otaku magazine! Thank you so much for this Awesome Magazine Its really fun reading it GodBless po sa inyo!!

Request ko po sana yung DRAMAtical Murder masama sa next issue! Gustong gusto ko talaga yung kwento nya Lalo na si Clear! *-*!/~ yun lang Daisuki Otaku Asia!!

-Anna Marfil



I soooo love the new issue!! Hope this would be featured in the next issue!! SAO II is <3

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•Chloe-chan•



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Hi this is me again, posting again. thank you for adding my drawing in the september-october issue. hope you like it- kaneki ken from tokyo ghoul chibi

-Kyrios Renn Zipagan



Rizalyn Villaluz

Please otaku asia.....
PLEASE FEATure blood plus on
your next issue.....please?

-Wayne Erika Calimpong

Hi OA STAFF! 2nd time na mag message dito. whooooo!
btw. I like the issue of August-September issue yaay. palo na yung "Baby Metal" and "Vine" I'm also have a vine account that's why I like it nyahahaha. I just want to share my collection of One piece and etc. hahaha konti pa lang eh xD wapera. hahaha sana po ma lagay ito sa next issue yaay. btw. I want to greet my friends "again" Adrian Paul Materio, Elisha Rose Del Rosario, and GG girls (Kim Cuenca, Deza Magsino, Kylah Ropeta, and Faith Alisangco) hahahaha ARIGATO! GOD BLESS OA

-Stephie Nicole Abuyuan

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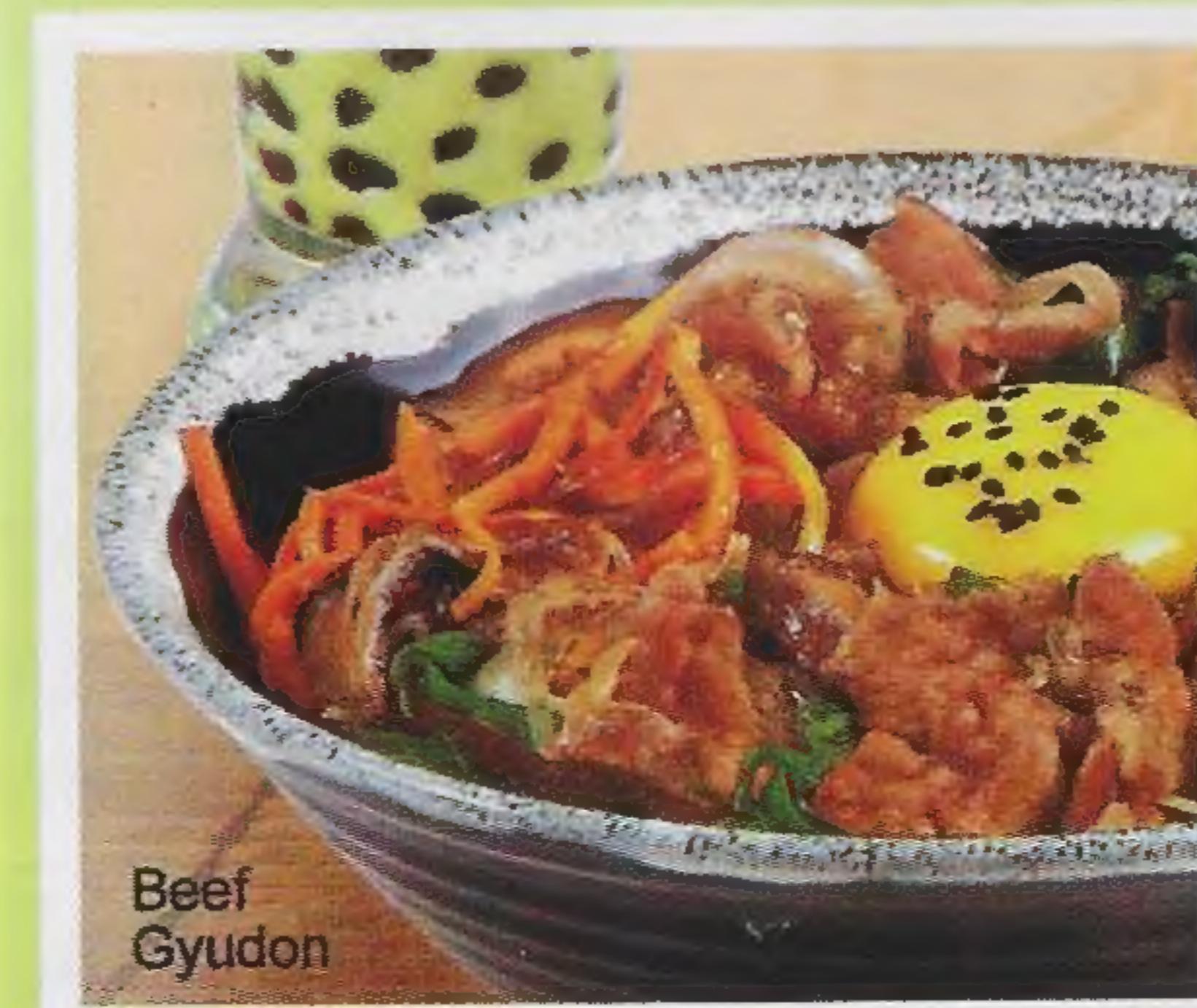


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**NEWS**

by Yani



NARUTO MUSICAL

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will premiere on March 2015!

The Naruto saga has not yet ended! Aside from their latest released movie; *The Last: Naruto the Movie* that was released last December 2014, it was also announced that Naruto will have a musical this coming March 2015 at the new All 2.5 Theater Tokyo located at Shibuya. The official title of the Naruto musical has not yet been revealed as of now.

Even though the title of the musical is not revealed yet, it took interest among fans and viewers. The said theater will also feature musicals based from anime, manga and games.

Aside from having a musical, it was also said that the last Naruto movie will also have a special exhibition on 2015.

After 15 years of run, Masashi Kishimoto has finally concluded the story of our favorite knucklehead ninja: Uzumaki Naruto who proved himself among his fellow ninjas and villagers.

Although the story of Uzumaki Naruto has ended, let us not forget what the series has taught us which is mostly about friendship and teamwork. Let's look forward to the retelling of Naruto's story in musical this year!

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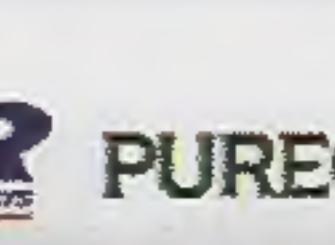
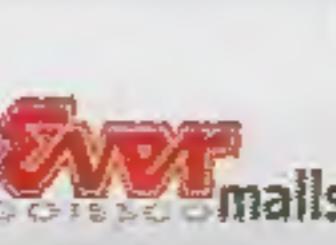
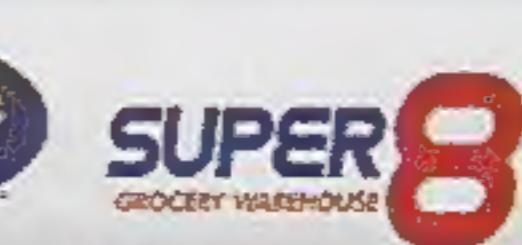
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Last November 19, at SM Megamall Cinema 8, a block screening for The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 1 was held. This is a project of The Rebellion committee, members from the Exl class from Entrepreneurs School of Asia.

They were tasked to create an event that needs to earn profit with 50% donation to a chosen beneficiary, Virlanie Foundation.

Resa Arce of Perry in Disguise tapped our shoulder to cover the said event.

The event was co-presented by John Robert Powers, Goroka Coffee, ABC, New Guinea Highlands Coffee, Young Jin Trading, Paradise Business. With PID as Patron Sponsor along with Fandom Trinkets.

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That night, the cinema was full of people fans of The Hunger Games, students, friends and street children from the foundation. The purchase of ticket includes a pack of popcorn and a regular sized drink. First 50 who bought online were given mockingjay pins by Fandom Trinkets. Then before the movie started, they even gave out ten hoodies by draw.

It was a good movie and we are happy that students would do this every now and then to benefit chosen foundations and organizations.



SAKURA

The green eyed magical girl we know and love since we were little is becoming popular once again! Last year, the producer od Cardcaptor Sakura anime expressed a desire to make a new one in an article in ANIMEDIA magazine.

Since then, we fans are on the look out for an announcement. But nothing came. Instead, the year 2014 was full of merchandise surprises!

April, NIS America announced the release of Blu-Ray Premium Edition and DVD Standard Edition of the anime series. We remember CCS licensed by Nelvana and released in english as Cardcaptors but was already heavily edited.

August, Crunchyroll announced during Otakon that the full catalog of CLAMP's CCS anime will begin streaming subtitled in full along with the English dub episodes as produced.

Super Groupies, a spin-off brand of anime-inspired fashion mavens 2PM WORKS, released limited items: a ribbon shoulder bag, clow card pouch and a ribbon boston bag.

September, Kodansha's Nakayoshi girl's magazine celebrating it's 60th anniversary with a re-release of the Clow Book and the 52 Clow Cards! The announcement was released but the actual set will be available January 2015.

Then December, Bandai and makeup producer CreerBeaute are releasing two-piece Cardcaptor Sakura cosmetics set! But it doesn't end here because CLAMP will also celebrate it's 25th anniversary debut. And CCS will have an original art exhibit in Tokyo, Nagoya and Osaka. With it are a splurge of this new art, new merchandise and available prints.

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HOOKED BOOK

by Rhaine

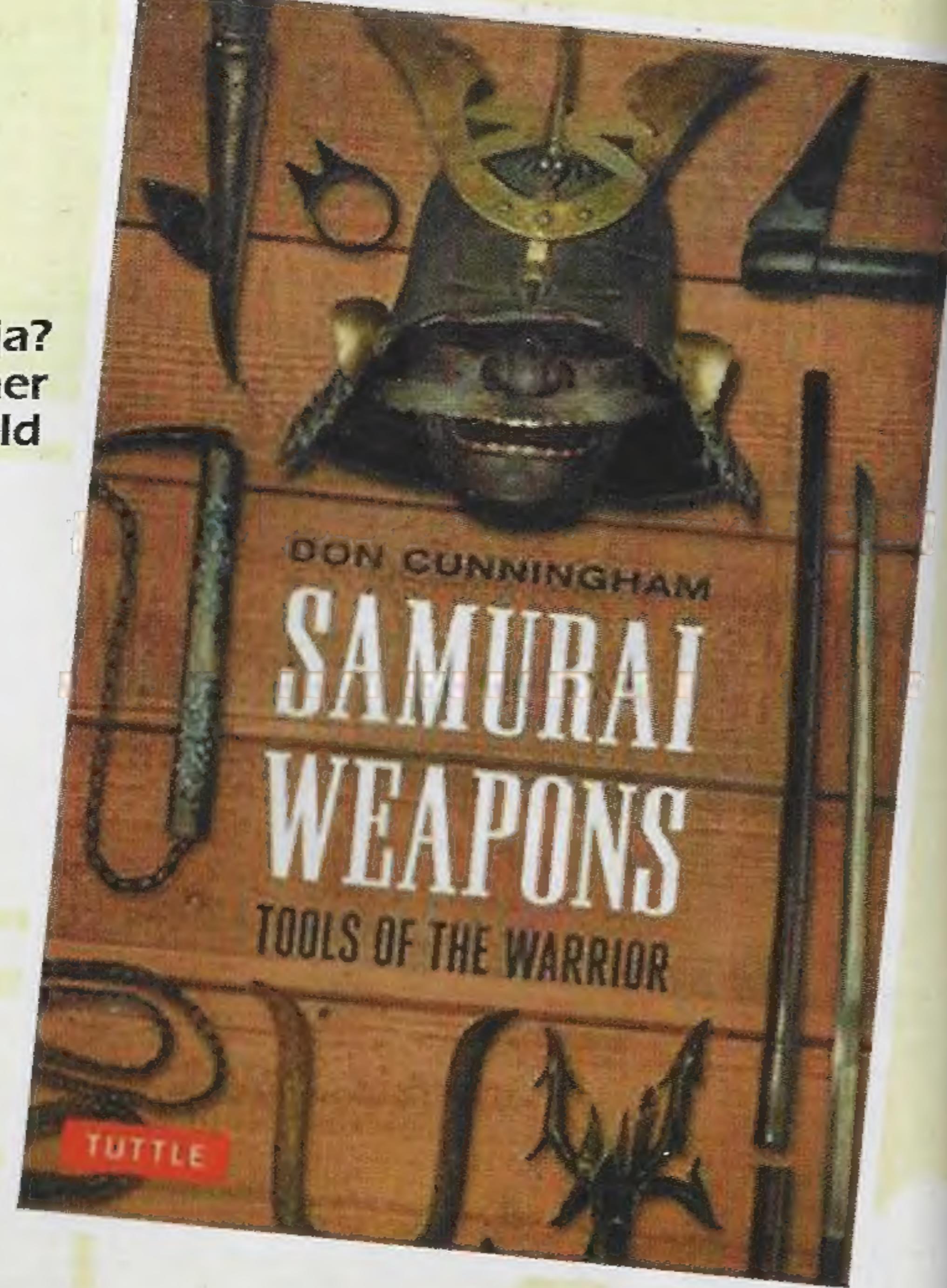
Ever wanted to learn the secrets of the ninja? Are you the type of person who has an inner warrior side, wishing you know how to wield different kinds of weapons and be able to fight like a true samurai? Well, this book is a must-have for you!

Samurai Weapons: Tools of the warrior, contains every detail about the sought-after samurai culture. Describing the legend of the glorious Japanese warrior class, how they started and the way of they lived through the centuries. Of course, it also contains all about their weapons and fighting styles. The book highlights the influence the samurais had on many different schools of Japanese martial arts, according to their weapons of choice.

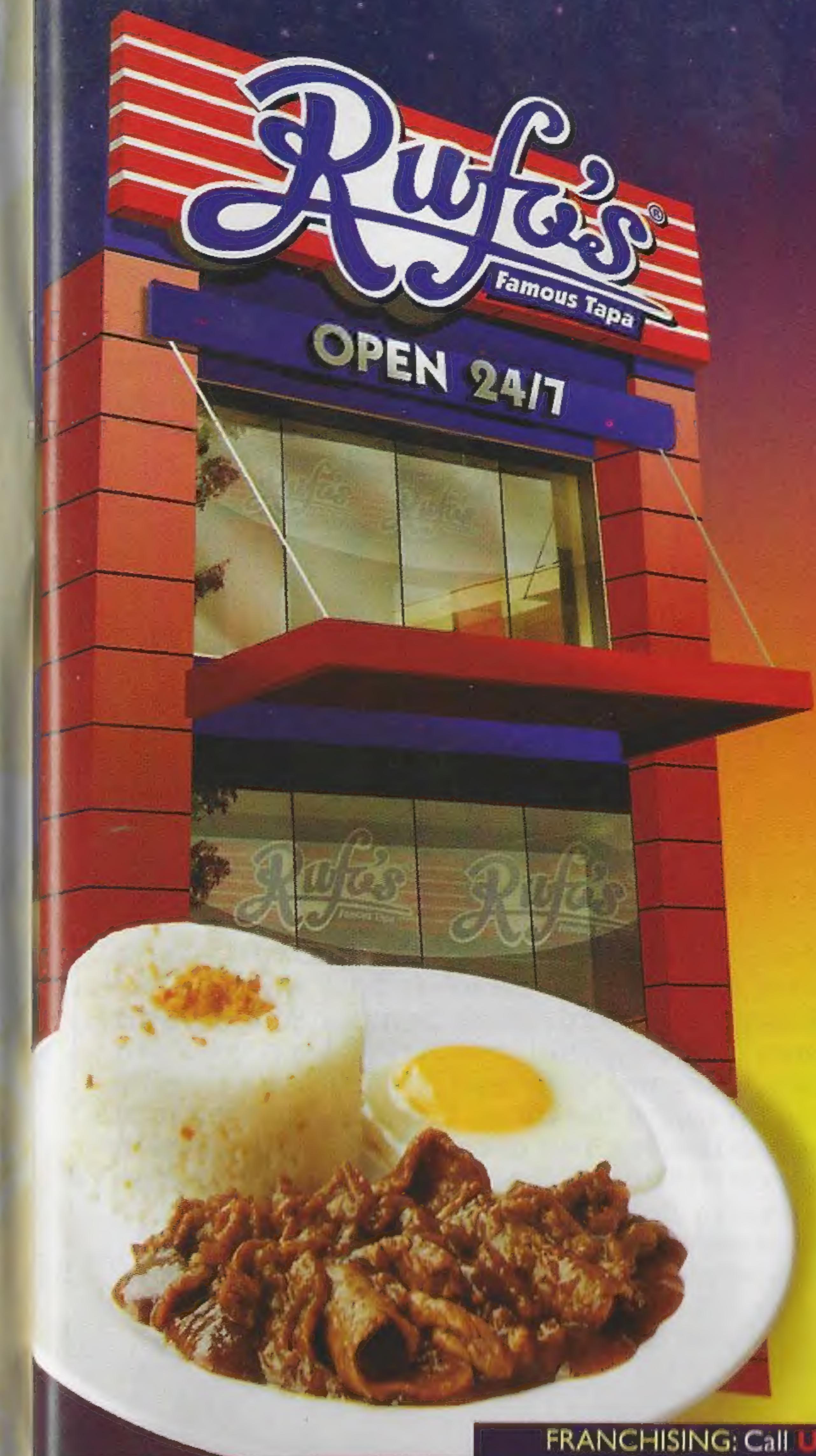
Written not just by a simple author, Don Cunningham, Ph.d, holds rank in judo, jujitsu and kendo. After learning many Japanese modern and traditional martial arts, he now shares his knowledge to the samurai enthusiasts around the world by compiling his 30 years of studies in this book.

The book has 208 pages of samurai swords, hidden weapons, improvised fighting tools, fans and many more! With full colored images, engravings and linearts inside, your eyes will surely won't stop reading until the last page.

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DIY OSHOGATSU



Last year, we taught you Japanese tradition on how they prepare for their oshogatsu or New Year, but this year, we want to bring you closer to those traditions by sharing with you the ways that you can perform these customs anywhere you are!



1. Do some spring cleaning and decorating

The tradition of cleaning one's house before the year ends, which is also called osoji, is of course a big part of welcoming the New Year ahead, as well as your visitors. Make sure to clean every corner and nook so the house can be purified. Then, you can invite more blessings by hanging a New Year's wreath made from rice straw and lucky talismans on your door called shime-gazari. On the other hand, this ornament will be burnt at the shrine on the 15th of January.

Meanwhile, at the gate of the house, you can place a kadomatsu or gate pine, which is basically a pair of pine or tree sprigs with three bamboo shoots. This represents longevity and prosperity. Then, you can also place a kagami mochi, which is a pair of mochi with one on top of the other, together with a daidai (Japanese orange) and leaves. This decoration can be placed in various parts of the house, depending on the god that one is appealing to, and on the 11th of January, you can eat it. A final tip for these decorations would be to prepare all these at least on the 28th of December because doing these things on the 29th and the 31st is considered bad luck.

2. Make some mochi

While you're staying at home after cleaning and decorating, you can go to the kitchen and make mochi pounded from cooked rice. Since you're at it, you can make different kinds of mochi depending on your taste; you can use azuki bean paste, soy sauce, or sesame paste. These mochi can be used later on as a treat, as a decoration (kagami mochi), or as offerings.



3. Make Nengajo and send them to friends

Nengajo is the term that refers to the New Year greeting cards that usually have Chinese animal zodiac signs. Some of these cards might also be issued by the Japanese government which is why they have lottery numbers that recipients can use. Giving one to your friends with personalized messages can show them that you keep them in mind during the holiday.



4. Have a Bonenkai

Bonenkai is the year end party that most Japanese go to. For this event, you can invite your friends to eat out with you in a restaurant. To make this more traditional, you can eat Japanese food and serve sake, but don't forget that it's only right for friends to pour sake for each other.





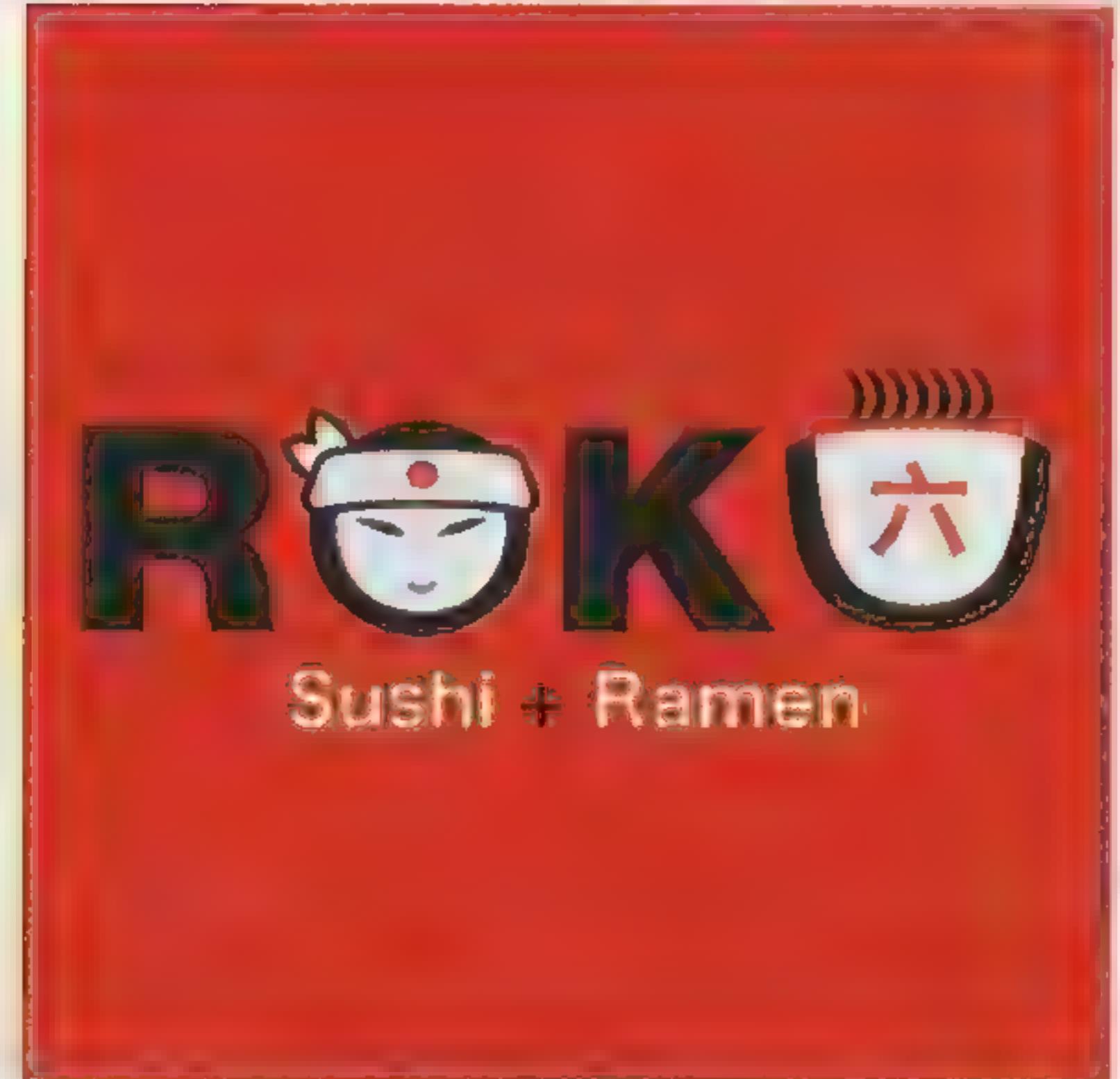
written by kanddy

BENTO BOX

NEW RAMEN JOINTS IN THE PH

For most of us, we would like to try ramen because of the anime, *Naruto*. Right now, ramen restaurants from Japan have begun invading the malls in the Metro.

Otaku Asia lays out the five trending stores that have recently opened shop!



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Their Green Tea Cheesecake is also something to look forward to. They assure everyone that their food are all made fresh everyday so no 'old meat' feeling and 'reheated noodles'!

The legendary ramen brand that offers the same family recipe since 1988, enjoyed throughout Japan and in other international cities such as Taipei, Malaysia, Singapore, Hongkong, Indonesia, USA and Canada is now open in Manila!

With four branches to serve you, this resto might just be near your street! Glorietta, Mall of Asia, Trinoma Mall and Greenhills are already enjoying their Santouka Ramen! (Soon to open? Eastwood!)

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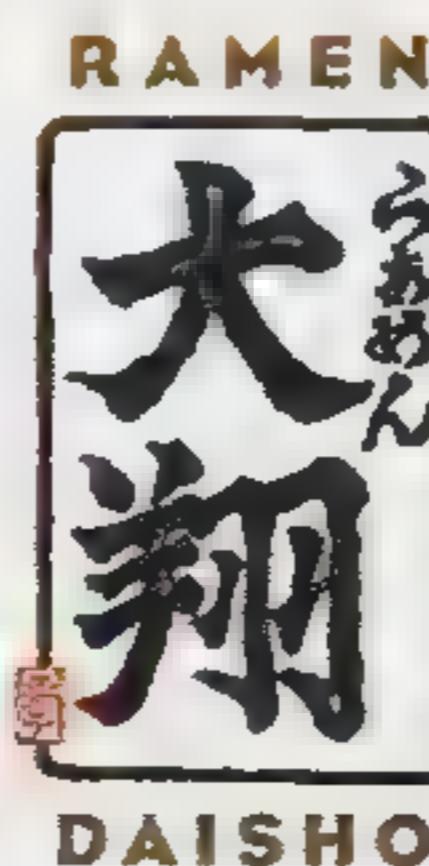


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Shaw is very lucky to have Ramen Daisho around. With the kind and friendly staff, fast service and ramen. Their specialty? Black-boned chicken broth or ukkokei.

We recommend you try the miso chashu because it's probably the best thing you'll ever going to taste. (Mix well)

They even have a cute mascot who you'll get to read about in their paper placemats as a comic!

We heard that they also have a variety of additional toppings like corn, negi and menma among others (familiar *Naruto* characters?)

Also available is Yakibuta Chahan which is fried rice with seasoned pork loin, egg and leeks. We also hear about ice cream!

Hanamaruken was created by a family of butchers in 1982. It is a subsidiary of the Arakawa Pork Company, a reputable supplier of high-quality meat in Osaka, Japan.

Their signature Happiness Ramen was inspired by creating a distinct marriage between meat and ramen. It is topped with a dark, tender, slow-braised soft bone pork rib that has gained a devoted following.

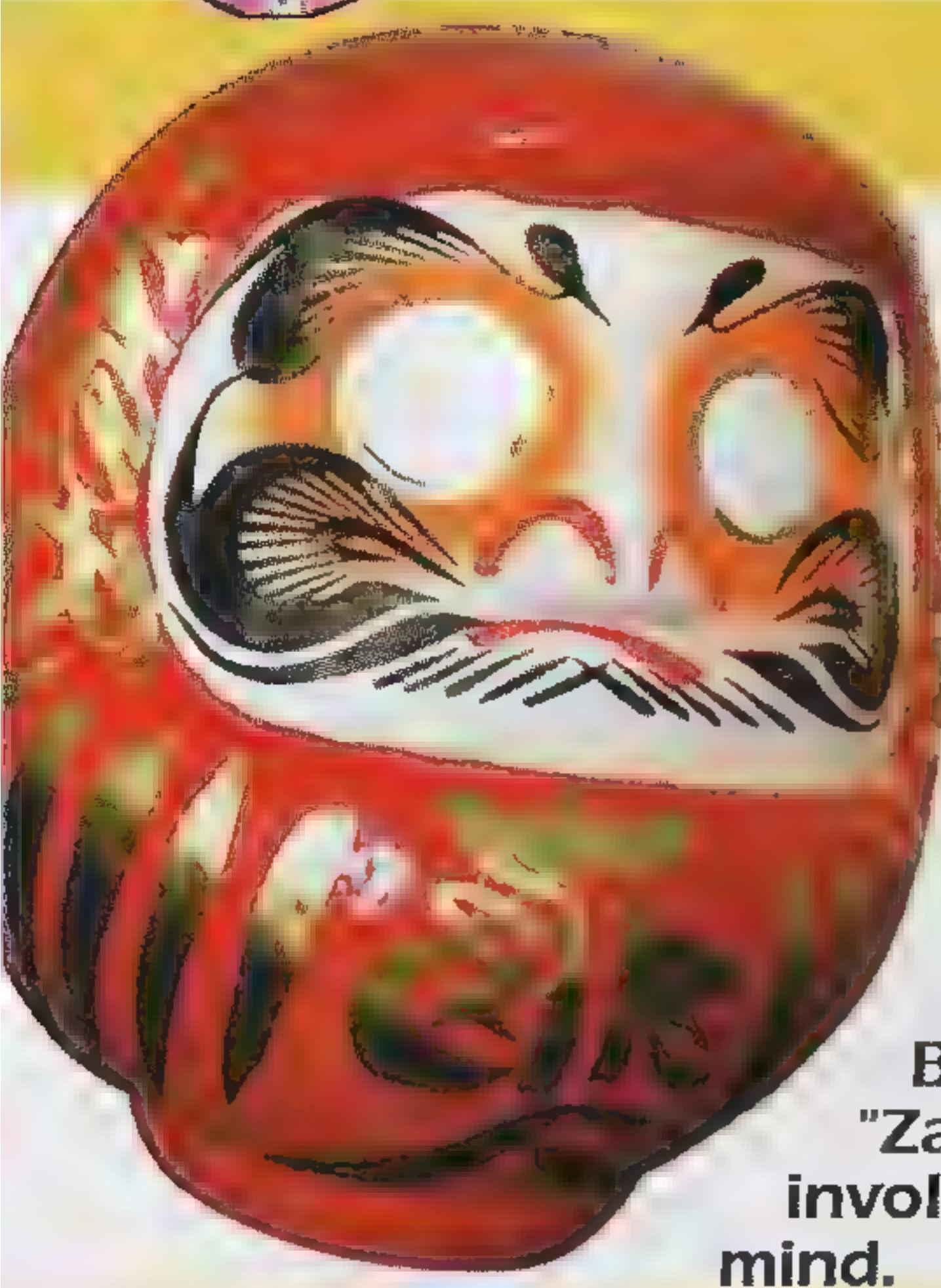
With over 40 branches in Osaka, Hanamaruken strictly follow the philosophy that ramen should be made with excellent meat and prepared by passionate chefs.

The secret? A Shoyu Tonkotsu ramen topped with a dark, tender and slow-braised pork rib. Yum yum!!



OTAKU LIFE HACKS

written by Rhaine



EYES ON THE PRIZE!

Daruma is a traditional handmade Japanese wishing doll (or referred to as a "GOAL DOLL") that keeps us focused on achieving our goals. It is a centuries-old tradition from Japan that is motivational, and fun (and it works)! Daruma doll represents the embodiment of your specific goal. It physically represents an objective you are committed to make happen. Daruma is a tough but caring reminder to stay focused on your goals.

Tale of Daruma

Japanese tales says that the Daruma reflects their determined spirit and peaceful outlook on life. The traditional Daruma doll represents the silhouette of Bodhidharma in deep meditation, sitting in the customary "Zazen" position (legs folded under the body). The meditation involves clearing the mind from distractions to achieve a peace of mind.

5 steps on how to use a Daruma doll:

STEP 1 - Decide. Think of a **SPECIFIC GOAL** you are determined to achieve.

*There are five colours according to the type of goal.

STEP 2 - Draw. Color one of Daruma's blank eyes (either eye is OK) to signify your commitment to achieving your **GOAL**.

STEP 3 - Place. Your Daruma should be somewhere visible in your home or office, so that you'll be reminded to focus on your goal!

STEP 4 - Thank your Daruma. Once you've achieved your goal, draw in Daruma's other eye.

STEP 5 - Congratulations! Write the goal you achieved on the back of your Daruma! Time for your next goal with a new Daruma!

The 5 COLORS of Daruma dolls representing different TYPES of GOALS



RED - luck and good fortune
PURPLE - health and longevity

YELLOW - security and protection
GOLD - wealth and prosperity

WHITE - love and harmony

Daruma is closely associated with a beloved Japanese proverb, "*Nana korobi yaoki*" (Fall down seven times, get up eight). The Daruma doll's unique rounded shape allows it to return to its original position even if knocked over, representing such persistence.

Do you have a Daruma? Focus and believe you can achieve it, while your Daruma doll helps you stay on track!



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EYE CANDY SHOP

Last November, we talked about the online store, Eye Candy Shop. This month, we are going to talk about the lenses that they gave us for review.

We were so excited when we found out that they will be giving us lenses to try out and review for this segment in the magazine. They gave us six lenses of different brands:

Eyes of Seduction or more commonly known as EOS, Crystal, P-Con and a new brand.

Thank you and please enjoy our review.

There are two kinds of packaging in contact lenses: the bottled one and the blister pack. The ones in the bottle can be used up to one year and the ones in the blister pack lasts only for several months. However, the longevity of the contact lens depends on how long and frequent you use the lens. If the lens is already itchy or painful whenever you're wearing it even if you cleaned it many times then you should stop using it already.

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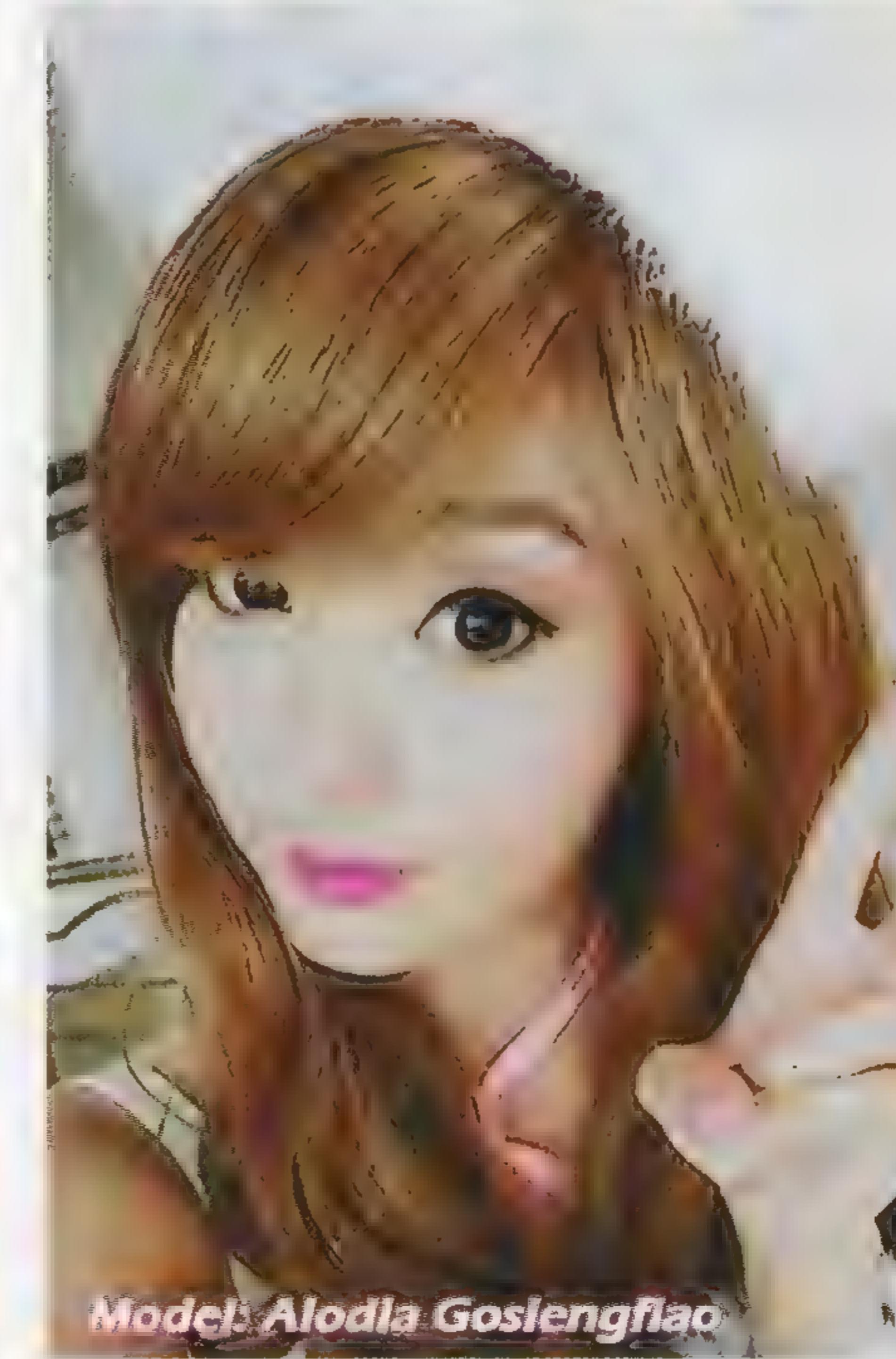
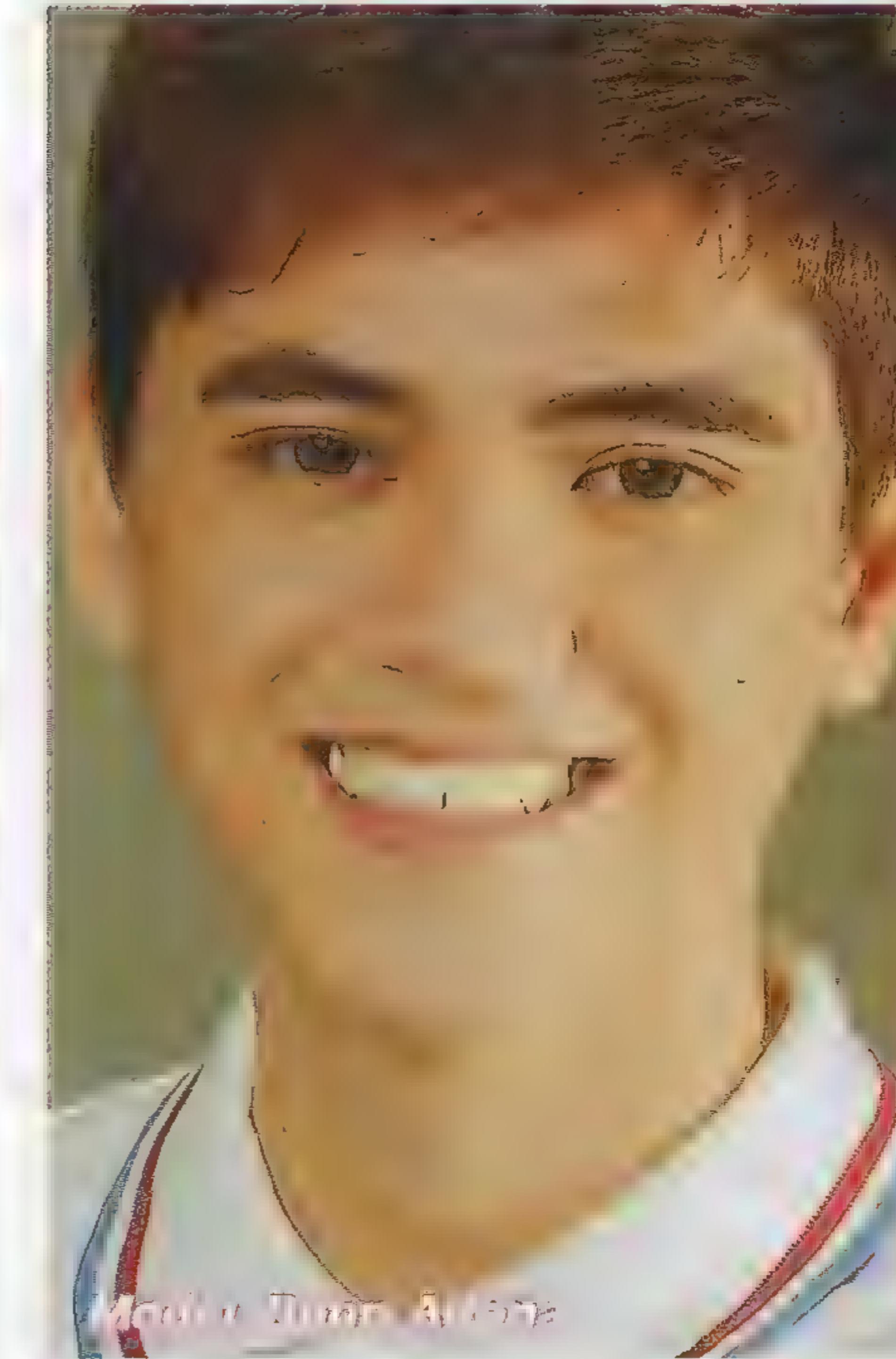
Eye CandyShop

The first contact lens that we've tried is the Crystal lens. The Crystal lens is little bit painful only on the first use. After that, you will feel very comfortable the next time you use it to the point that you will doubt if you are still wearing it. The visibility of the lens depends on the series of it but most of Crystal lenses will be darker than the ones seen on their catalogues. All of their lenses are good for one year and also the most affordable one.

If you are looking for lenses that are really visible, then Eyes Of Seduction (EOS) is the right brand for you. The color of the lenses is visible even from far away. Similar from Crystal lens, it will be a little bit painful on the first use but it will be comfortable the next time you use it. A little bit expensive compare from Crystal and the lenses lasts only up to six months.

The P-Con brand is similar to Eyes Of Seduction lenses when it comes to visibility. It's comfortable to use even on the first time you use it. Their lenses can be used up to one year.

GRAND AMBASSADORS





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ELIN VERSION 7

Ellins are known for being wise and older despite their appearance. Whenever they see something bad or evil, they will automatically stop them by joining forces with nature. Gathering presents Elin Version 7 that will make you amazed that this cute girl can be also dangerous as hell. *Don't be fooled with their appearance.*

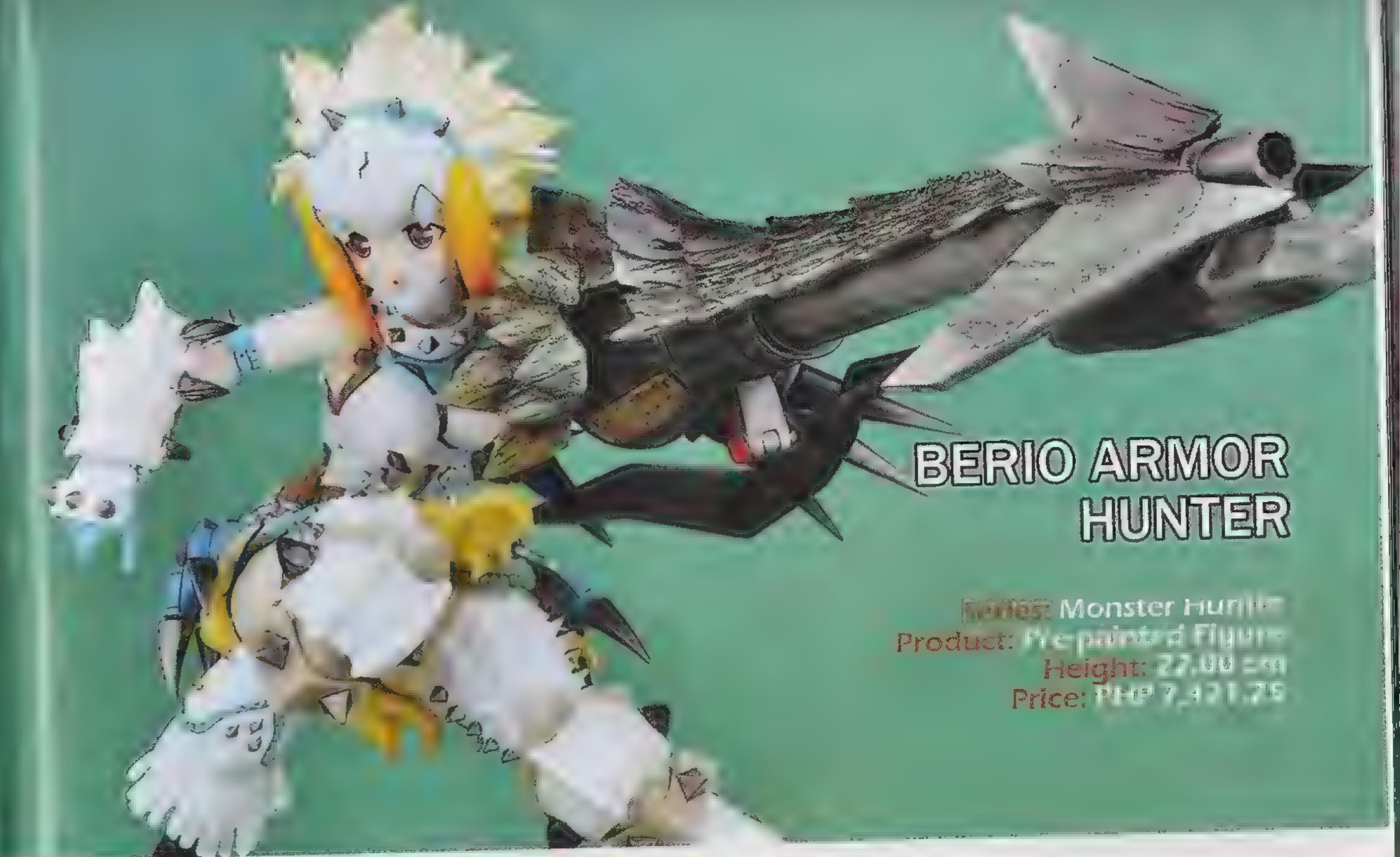
This figure has a unique base. Instead of having it sculpted entirely, only a part of it; where the figure stands. Most is a glass mirror. The stockings also looks really good on the figure.

5/5 Sculpting- The weapon and clothes were perfectly sculptured especially the knot strings on the weapon and the clothing. Also, the folds on the outfit were properly executed so we get the feel that it is indeed an outfit.

5/5 Paint- The outfit has an silk effect which will really make you think that it not sculpted, but a real cloth.

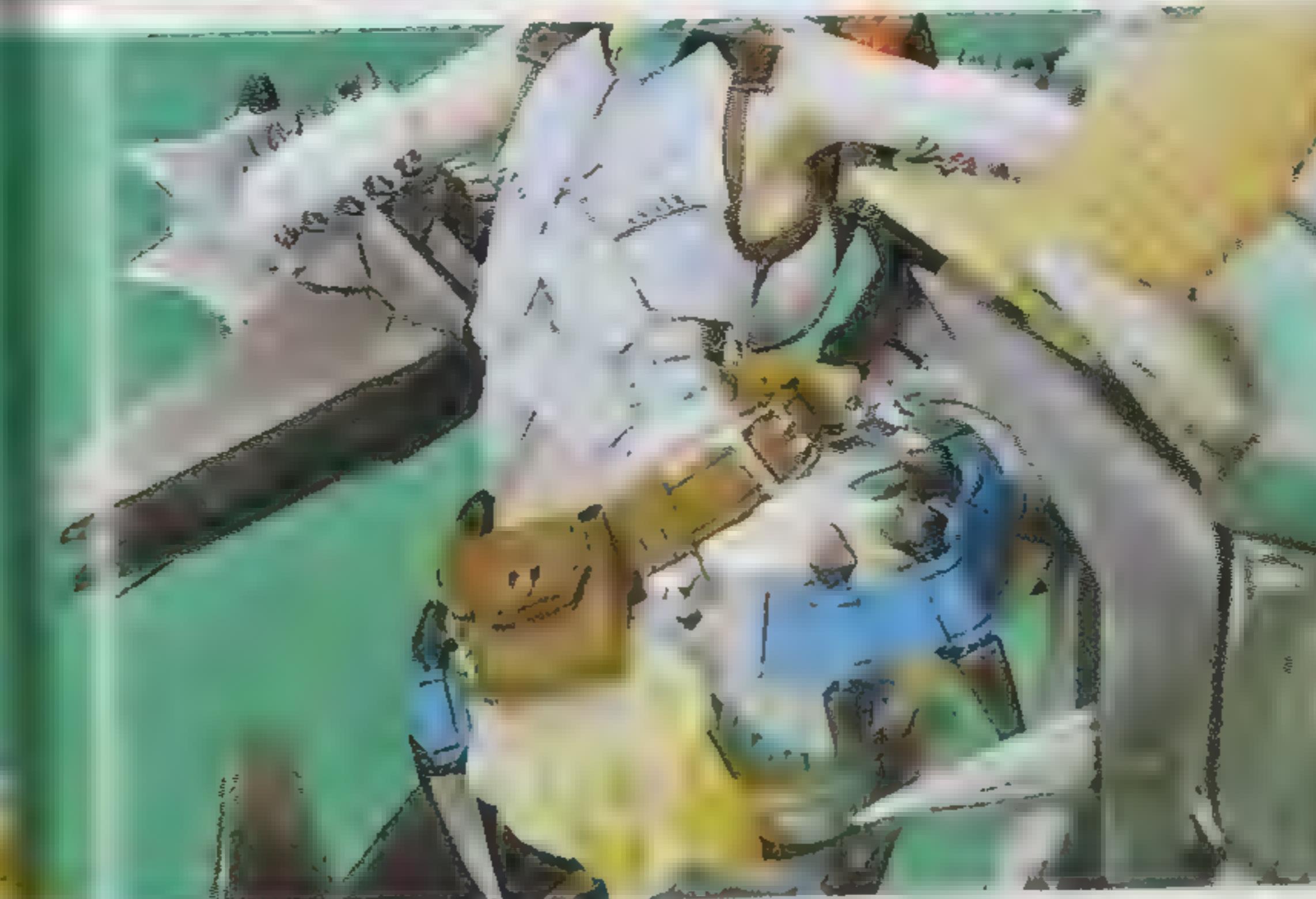
5/5 Packaging- It can be disassembled into 9 parts that prevents the figure from getting damage. It also comes in extra package box to keep it more safe.

4/5 Value- It's on Sale! You get 22% off. This is also a perfect gift to those who are fans or players of TERA.



BERIO ARMOR HUNTER

Series: Monster Hunter
Product: Healed Painted Figure
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Ready to battle? Gathering presents Berio Armor Hunter that give life to this character that you only see in the video game.

Monster Hunter is an action role playing game where the player will act as a hunter whom will complete quests by capturing and killing mosters.

This figure is really good with details. No part has been left undetailed; even at the back part, you can see the details of the clothing. The belt bag and the accessories with it looks really great.

5/5 Sculpting- Those details on the armor and weapon really looks realistic. **4/5 Paint-** The gradient effect on the weapon really looks awesome that makes it feel more that is ready for combat.

5/5 Packaging- Even though that it is only one piece, it comes in a special packaging that will make sure that the figure will be safe.

5/5 Value- It's on Sale! You get 25% off; a perfect collectible to those who play Monster Hunter.



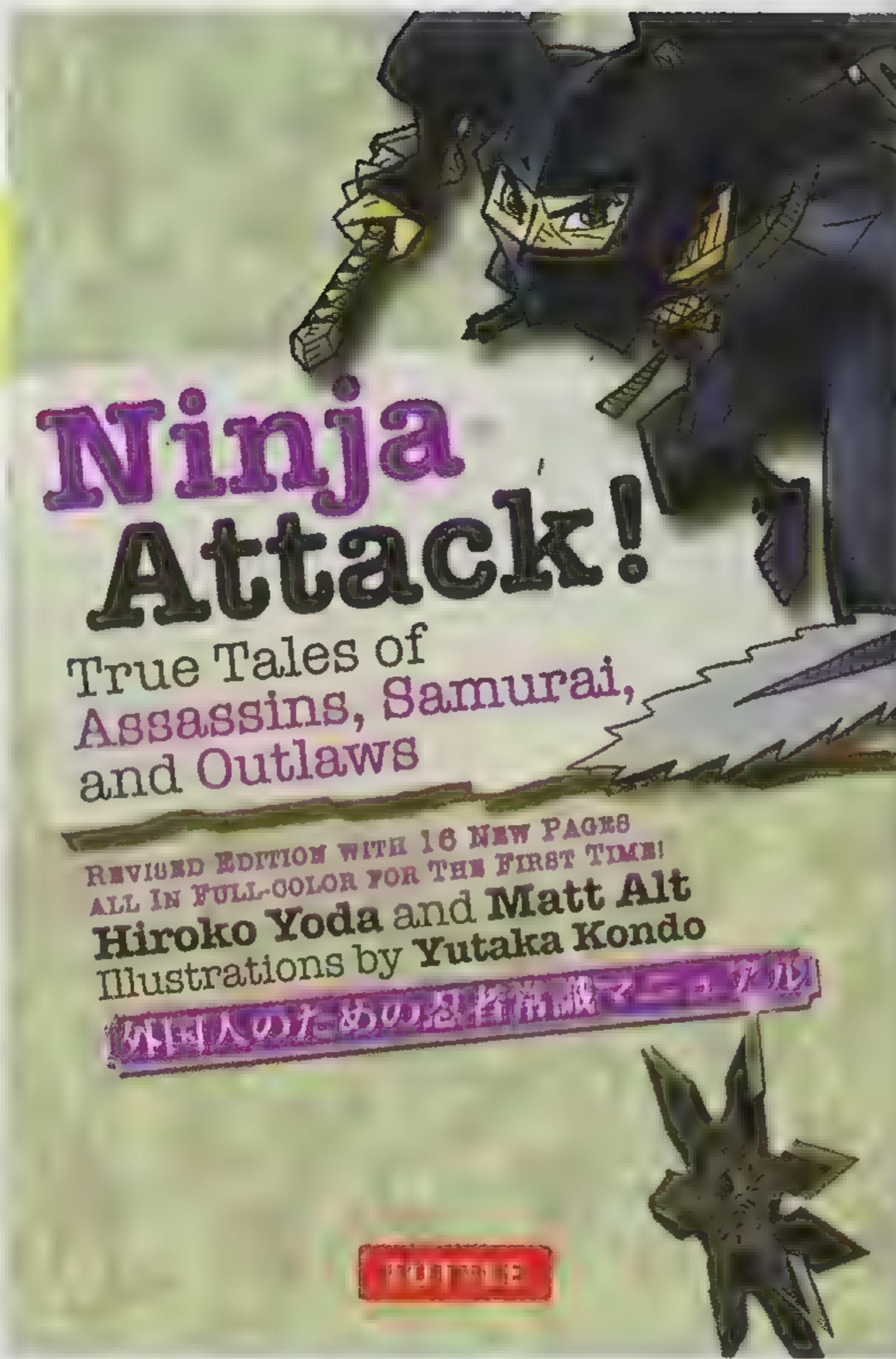
HOOKED BOOK

by Yani

SHURIKENS ARE COMING YOUR WAY

Have you always dreamt of becoming a cool ninja or perhaps an assassin? Doing their awesome moves, techniques and skills; especially sneaking around without getting caught? You may have tried doing this but you failed? Worry no more because Ninja Attack! by Hiroko Yoda and Matt Alt is here to help and enlighten you on how become a real ninja. Believe it.

This book includes tales of different ninjas where you can learn from their experiences and adventures. This book will also teach you the proper ninja diet; you cannot be flexible if you do not have a kind of body that is suitable for becoming a ninja.



NINJA CLOTHING STYLES TOOLS AND WEAPONS TRICKS IN TRADING

Peter Laird: the co-creator of the known series Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles stated that he wished that this book exists way back in 1983 because he believes that this book will help them a lot during that time. As you read the book, you will notice the names and concepts are being used in some animation series and manga like Naruto by Masashi Kishimoto.

This book also is also helpful to those who want to write stories about ninjas; what characteristics a real ninja should have and also about samurais which is also featured in this book.

Start your quest in becoming a real ninja or samurai with the help of Ninja Attack! that will surely give you honor and pride in calling yourself as one once you learn how to.



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November 15-16 was some event to remember. This is the biggest e-sports and gaming convention in the Philippines.

Day one was very exciting for us. It was the unfolding of the very first event of E-Sports and Gaming Summit in SMX. Inside halls 3 and 4 were booths and booths of computers, consoles, arcade controllers, LED screens and Monster Energy.

Upon entering Hall 3, there is a registration booth where attendees get their ESGS baller, cosplay competition voting stub and fliers.

Just beside this is the wall of fame: the tarpoulin of cosplayers registered in Anime Alliance's open floor cosplay competition. The cosplayer has his/her character's photo on the wall with a contestant number and name. Since this is an open floor competition, the contestants could be spotted just about anywhere within the event for everyone to see and take photos with. Day one was when we voted for #7, Ashley Misaki as Gaara while day two's Nautilus from League of Legends took our vote!



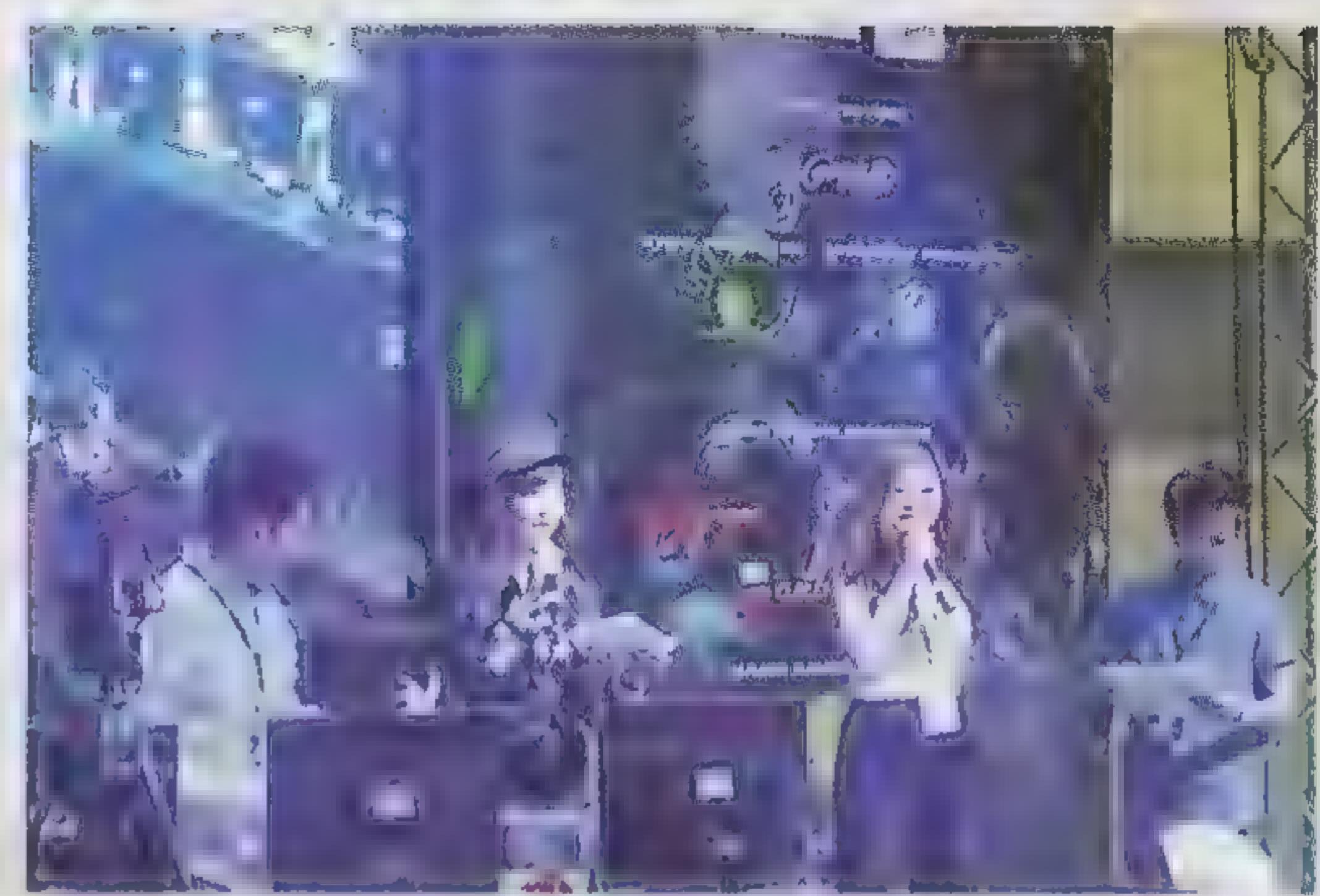
A very notable guest came up stage in the afternoon: Alodia Gosiengfiao to represent GameX as a GameX Girl. However, she was called out of the backstage too early and people stormed towards her. She was ushered back but many took advantage of the lack of security to take pictures even backstage.

This incident greatly affected the first part of GameX and Smart Talk's stage time which was about topping up your game using GameX because almost no one listened.

What came after was excitement: the announcement of the winners of the GameX Girls Competition. Now they will be 5 of them. Joining Alodia are:

Alex Keuls
Jillian Ongsip
Tza Gomez
Koleen Mercado

These lovely ladies get an MSI laptop and a contract as GameX brand ambassadors.



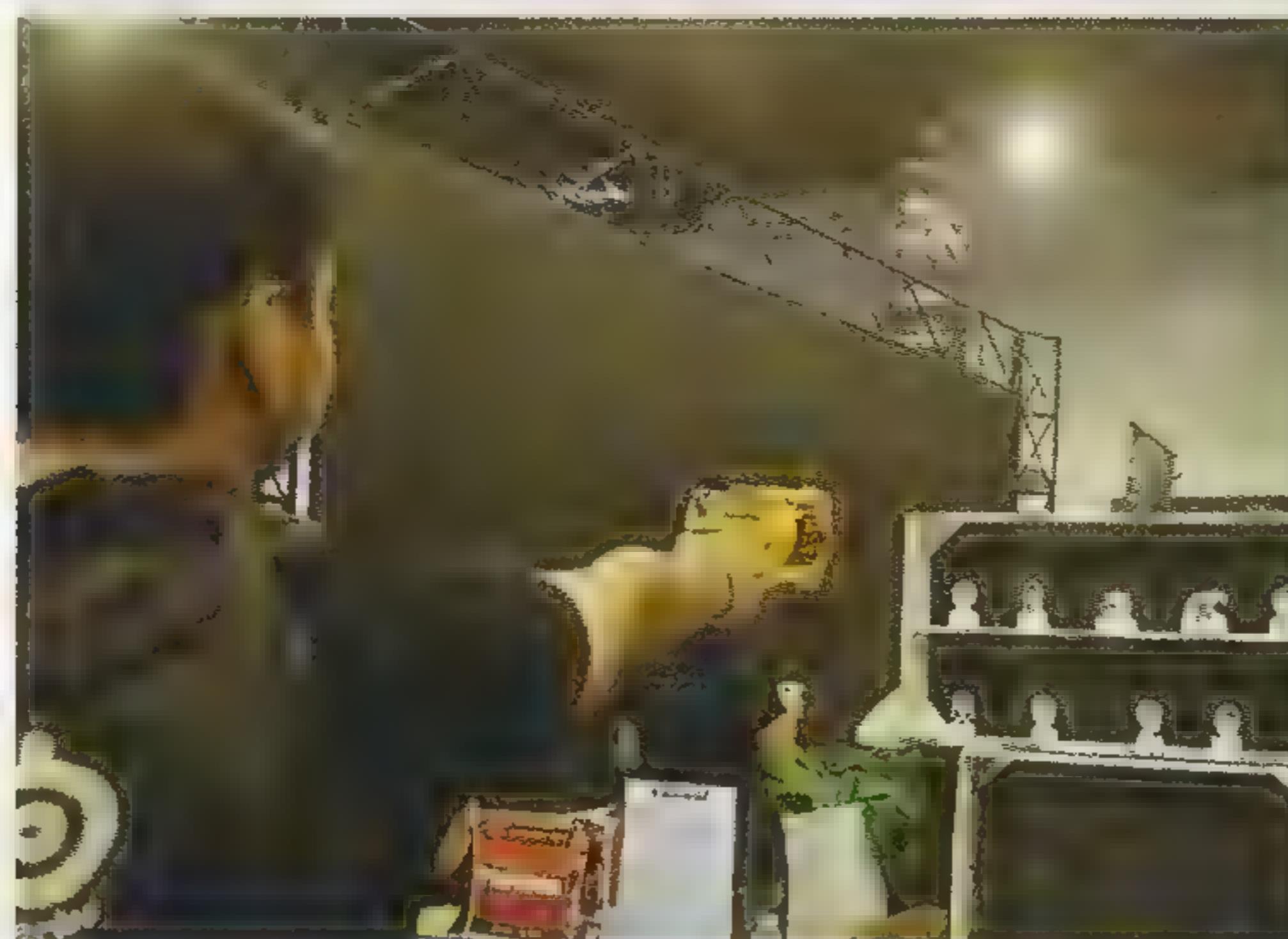
The second and last day of ESGS started strong. According to the schedule, it started already with Heroes of the Storm and Starcraft 2 Heart of the Swarm Finals.

Dragon Nest, Point Blank Revolution and ESL Hearthstone also had their finals onstage but on the other booths like Strife and Mineski also had their own contests.

This time, we talked with student game developers. For example, Zorcus from College of Saint Benilde. They made the games Denzling: Quest for a Kiss and Aljunaid both available in iOS and Android. They also had a working prototype of their new game, Umbala Minions which we tried and enjoyed.

The UP Association of Computing Machinery also made us sit and play games that were quite familiar. Jumping Jean has the same environment as Mario only played different. You play as the tomato to kill the character trying to go to the other side named, Jean. We didn't get to play their other game, Retetris.

Figment Games let us play for a very long time... (next page!)





Figment Games had made this multiplayer game called **Warstache** and players choose among gentlemen to duke it out for the pursuit beyond nobility and honour in a lethal game of "Reverse Russian Roulette".

Another interesting game was **Nightfall: A Filipino Horror Game**. Their booth was packed with people and we didn't get to play. Developed by Zeenoh Games, an independent game development studio based in the PH. Produced and written by JD Abenaza, **Nightfall** is a first person horror game.

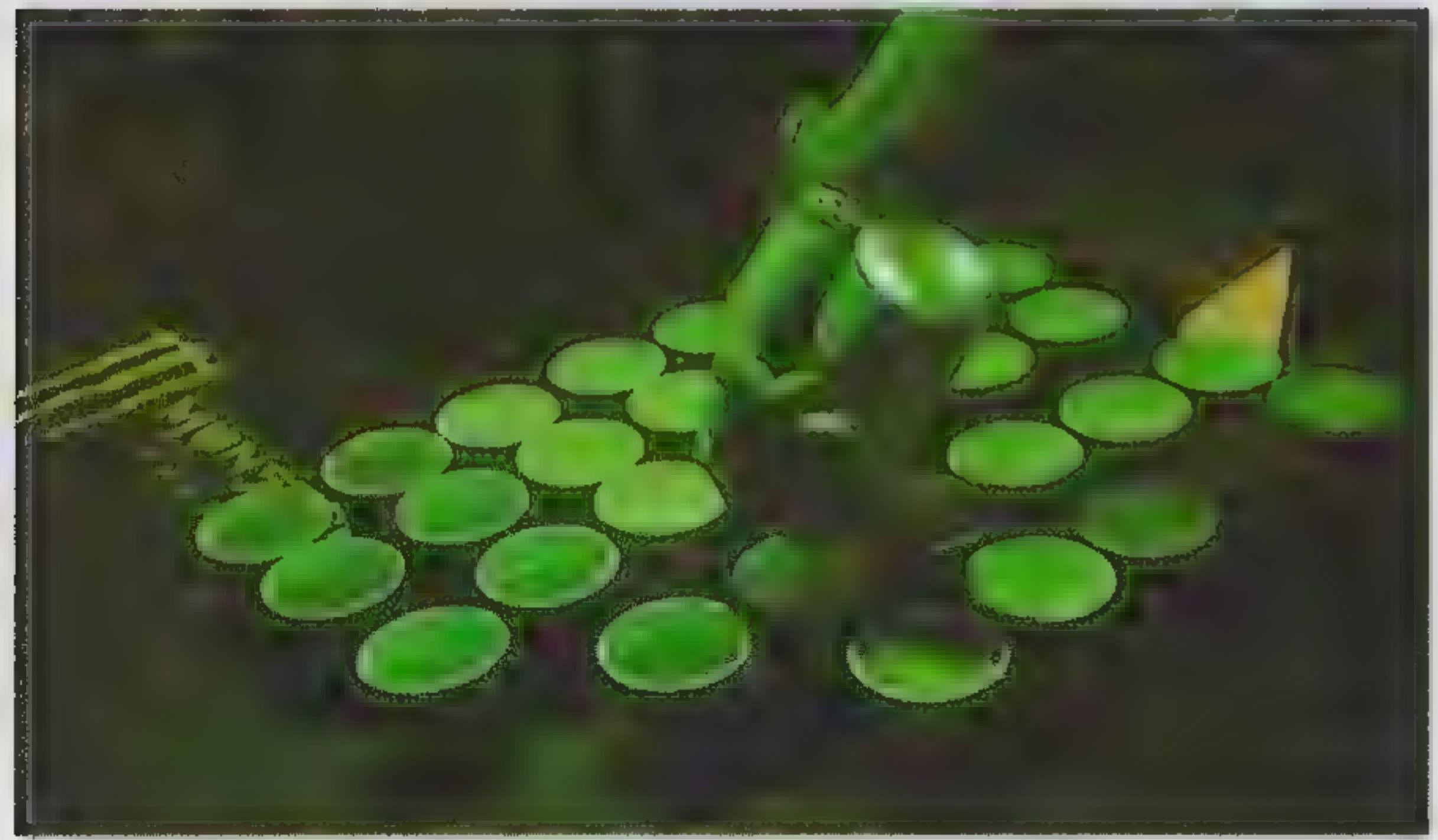
Our resident gamer, Ren, was not able to come to the event so I brought my brother, Hans.

He first tried the Oculus Rift brought by **Synergy 88 Studios** booth and played, **Kuna**, a first person horror game where you wake up in an abandoned clinic, not knowing why you were there.

Hans went to register in **Dragon Nest** and got one spin ticket in their roulette! Unfortunately he spun a 'sorry'. He moved on quickly when playing **Devil May Cry** in one of the PCs brought by **MSI**! He also found **Naruto: Ultimate Ninja Storm** and played against me. I let him win.

As a whole, the event was great! It had the feels of the old PGF and the aura of a really good time. If only the big booths were placed evenly in the map because each booth had their microphones, hosts and tournaments that it gets hard to pay attention. But thank you for putting a carpet and couches for tired gamers. If only it was a bit bigger and in front of the satellite screen. The food booths were also delicious.

We look forward to another ESGS and more Filipino games to be introduced.



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CHARACTER BIO

written by Lizac 3.0

How to Summon Mr. Foxy~

Kokkuri is a traditional divination board game where the participants join the tips of their index fingers on the coin to summon the fox ghost. In turn, the fox ghost would answer any question thrown at him. If the participant is alone, however, Kokkuri-san would appear and haunt them.

The name Kokkuri-san was also derived from this board, as his first and original name got lost through time. The Kokkuri-san game is like The Spirit of the Glass, and even though Halloween is over, this game could be played anytime throughout the year. True enough, Kokkuri-san is sure to be ready to play with anyone!

Fox Ghost / Cook / Daddy!

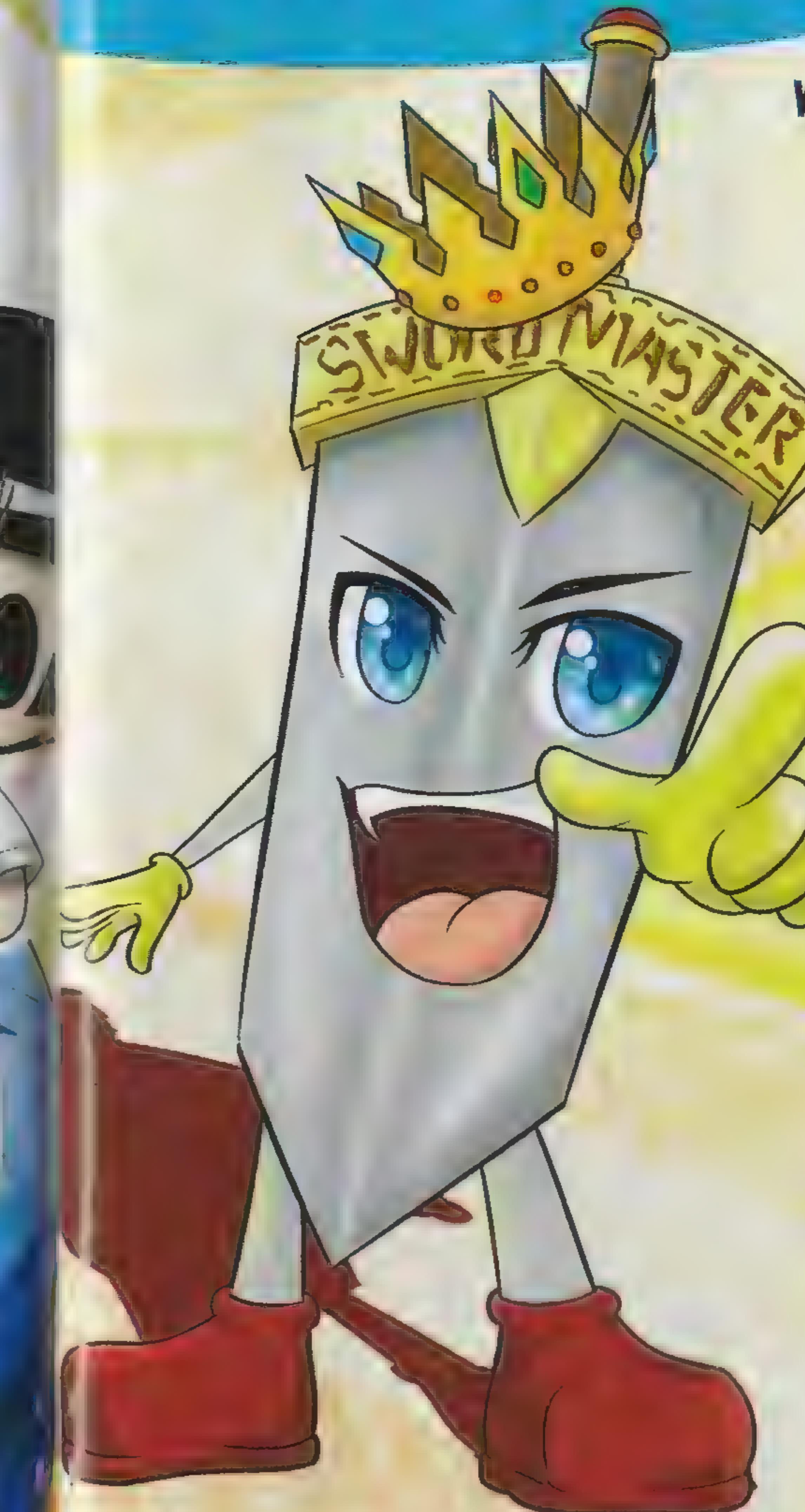
The fox ghost was believed to be a god who was worshipped by a lot of people in the olden times. They even built a shrine for him. But as time went by and traditions changed, the number of people who visited his shrine decreased. Additionally, like other legends, Kokkuri-san's power won't be effective if no one believes in him. It was only Kohina in the present time who paid attention to him. This has greatly touched the fox ghost, so he swore to take care of the little girl. Kokkuri-san prevents her from eating junk food like cup noodles, and cooks nutritious dishes for her instead! He also transforms into a cuddly orange fox at random times.

It's officially the Year of the Goat! Are you a horoscope junkie? Well then, time to check the horoscope for your guidance all year round. If you think this year wouldn't go easy on you, you might want to ask for the assistance of the ever helpful Fox Ghost, Kokkuri-san, to haunt you!



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THE RED SCARF OF FATE

by Yani

"I'll become the Hokage!" is what Naruto Uzumaki has been telling his fellow villagers and classmates ever since he was a kid. No one believed in him and instead, they made fun of him. They isolate him due to the fact that he holds the 9-tails demon that once nearly destroyed the village of Konoha. But Naruto never gave up his dream and proved to himself that he and anyone can be a great ninja through hard work and determination. He saved his village during the Sand and Sound Village invasion by defeating (and befriending) their ultimate weapon: Gaara. He was also the one who convinced Tsunade to come back to the Konoha village and to become their 5th Hokage. Furthermore, Naruto defeated Pein; the leader of the most wanted criminal organization: Akatsuki and was hailed as the hero of Konoha.

The ninja world is already at a time of peace. However, a new crisis has approached! The world is coming to an end: the moon is falling into the earth as a meteor. Additionally, a new mysterious man has shown up named Toneri Otsutsuki who kidnapped Hinata's little sister: Hanabi Hyuuga. Naruto Uzumaki, Hinata Hyuuga, Shikamaru Nara, Sakura Haruno and Sai were given the mission to rescue Hanabi. But during their mission, Toneri was also able to kidnap Hinata as well.

Will Naruto and his team be able to save Hanabi and Hinata and also stop the meteor before it's too late?

The Last: Naruto the Movie is the 10th and the last film about Naruto. It is written by the Naruto manga writer and illustrator himself: Masashi Kishimoto and directed by Tsuneo Kobayashi. It will be the first time that a Naruto movie will be included in the canon Naruto timeline. The movie is set to have happened between chapters 699-700; referring to it as Chapter 699.5. It was shown in Japanese cinemas last December 6 and on December 17, 2014 here in the Philippines at SM Cinemas.

A vertical collage of six small images from the movie 'The Last: Naruto the Movie'. The images show various characters in different settings, including a group of people in a field, a close-up of a character's face, and a character standing in a dark, rocky area. The images are arranged in a grid-like pattern, with each image showing a different scene or character from the movie.

CHARACTERS

NARUTO UZUMAKI

voiced by: Junko Takeuchi

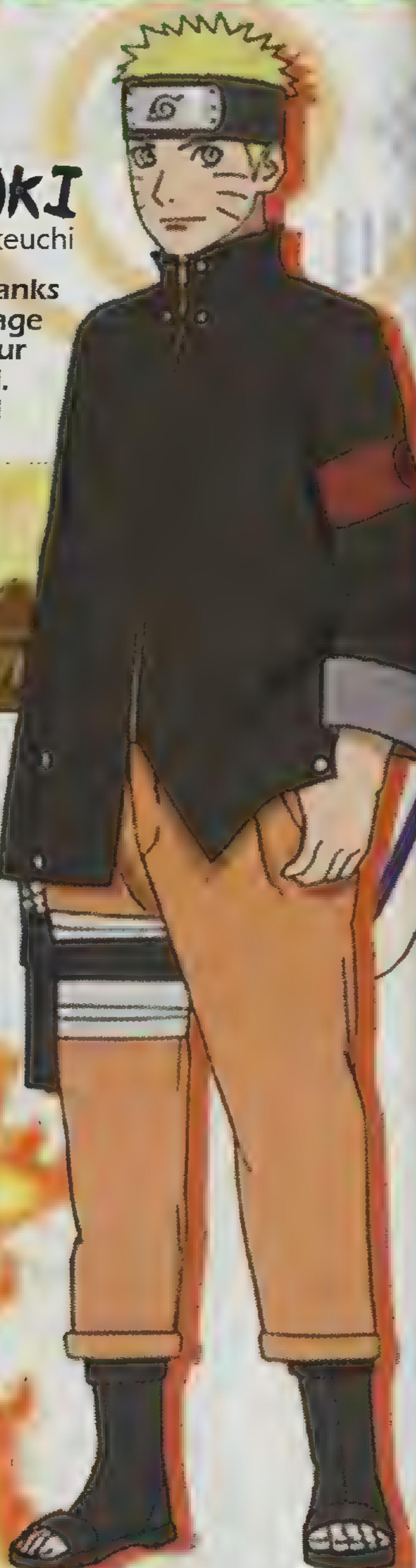
The hero of the story. He is known for playing pranks among people like painting establishments and the Hokage monument without being detected by Anbu. This behaviour was due to his loneliness that he felt during his childhood. He grew up with no parents beside him. He wanted attention so he caused mischief every now and then.



On the other side, he has high chakra reserves to the point that he can do and master forbidden techniques among ninjas like the kagebunshin technique which requires a large amount of chakra to be able to produce solid clones. He was also able to master the fourth Hokage's own technique, the rasengan in one week which took the fourth to create in one year.



He also values teamwork and friendship so he will help them in whatever danger they may encounter even if it may cost his life. He is also dense when it comes to love.



HINATA HYUUGA

voiced by: Nana Mizuki

She is the first born of the head of the Hyuuga clan. She was supposed to be the heiress however, her little sister, Hanabi showed a more promising skill than her so Hanabi was chosen instead. She had low self confidence but that changed when she saw and realized that she and Naruto were the same; they both wanted to be acknowledged. She made Naruto as an inspiration in becoming a better ninja



When Naruto was in the verge of losing his determination and self, she is always there to rescue him. One time was when Naruto was questioning his belief during his fight with Pein. Hinata fought Pein in order to save Naruto. And also during the fourth ninja war, Naruto was losing to Obito; and was about to join him, she interrupted Naruto and explained to him what he is fighting for.



As a member of the Hyuuga clan she is able to use the gentle fist style; a technique exclusive for their clan and has their Kekkai Gekkai called the Byakugan. Aside from that, she is also able to use basic medical healing jutsus and also can make healing cream which she always gives Naruto whenever he is hurt. She used to faint whenever she encounters Naruto face to face.

SASUKE UCHIHA

voiced by: Noriaki Sugiyama

The only survivor of the Uchiha Massacre. The rookie of the year in their generation at the Ninja academy and being fawned over by girls because he has the looks, the brain and he's a member of one of the known clans in the village of Konoha; the Uchiha. However, he was blinded by hatred and decided to join Orochimaru in a quest for power in order to kill his brother; Itachi Uchiha to avenge his own clan. However, upon seeking his revenge, he discovers dark secrets which made his beliefs change.

Even though he and Naruto always fight; Naruto is the only one whom he considers as a best friend and also as a rival. Naruto is also one of the reasons of his deflection from Konoha; Naruto the deadlast of their class was able to catch him with skills as a ninja.



KAKASHI HATAKE

voiced by: Kazuhiko Inoue

Captain of Team 7 and one of the child prodigies in Konoha; Kakashi graduated in the ninja academy at the age of 5. He was also dubbed as the "White Fang" similar to his father Sakumo. When he was assigned in becoming a jonin leader of a team; he wanted his team to value and exercise teamwork because he does not want the incident to be repeated. In Kakashi's old group, Team Minato, he once insisted on continuing the mission instead of saving his teammates. This lead to the death of one of his teammate: Obito.

Team 7 so far is the only team that he passed. After the death of Danzo; the supposed sixth Hokage, he was elected for the position until Tsunade, the fifth hokage had awoken from comma. Kakashi became the sixth Hokage after the fourth ninja war.



SAKURA HARUNO

voiced by: Chie Nakamura

Trained under the tutelage of Tsunade of the Sannin, Sakura wanted to prove that she is not dead weight between Naruto and Sasuke who has both saved her whenever she gets in trouble. She also wants to help Naruto in bringing back Sasuke to Konoha. Aside from the medical jutsus; Tsunade taught her "super strength" and her own invented jutsu; the Recreation Rebirth.



SAI

voiced by: Satoshi Hino

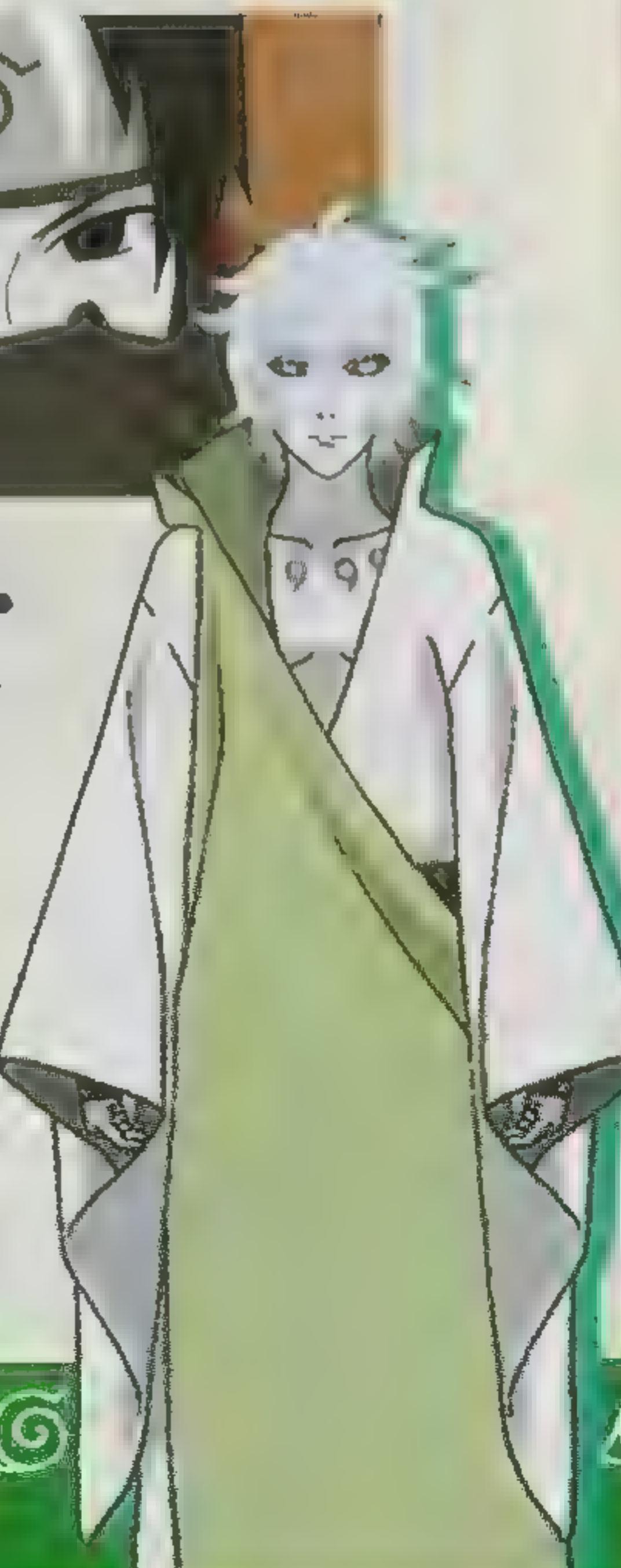
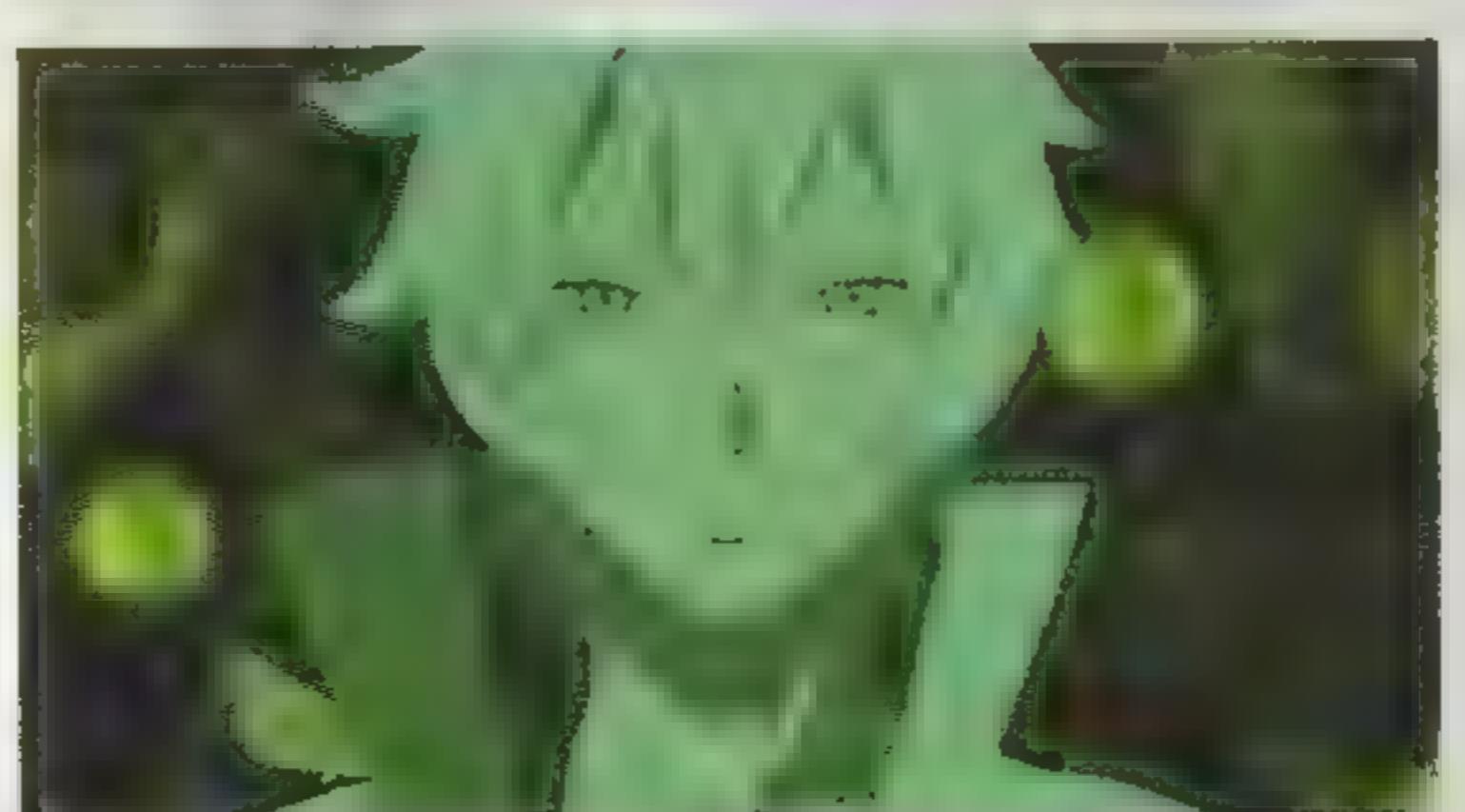
He was formerly a root anbu and was the genius among his generation. Sai specializes with ink jutsus after he was trained under the root anbu, Danzo. Sai grew up emotionless which made it easy for him to accomplish killing missions without hesitation. Additionally, staying in root since childhood resulted to his social awkwardness: Sai doesn't know how to interact and thus he tends to say things without thinking that could hurt or annoy other people. But when he met Naruto, he started showing feelings and emotions.



TONERI OTSUTSUKI

voiced by: Jun Fukuyama

The mysterious man who appeared out of nowhere is a descendant of Kaguya Otsutsuki who shares the same desire: to destroy the world as a punishment for using chakra as weapons. He was supposed to kidnap Hinata but he failed and instead, kidnapped Hanabi.





MUSIC

Theme Song: Hoshi no Utsuwa (Star Vessel)
by Sukima Switch

Hinata Hyuuga Character CD Song: Fuyu no
Owari ni (At the End of Winter)
by Nana Mizuki

Soundtrack: 41 songs composed by Asunaru
Takanashi and Yaiba members plus Musashi
Project



The tagline "The last episode: a first love" depicts that the movie has a romantic theme to it. Since the movie is set during the timeskip that occurs during the last two manga chapters. Naruto and Sasuke's character designs show bandages on the arm that they lost during their final battle at the Valley of End. With that, illustrations of the children of Naruto and Hinata were shown named Bolt (Boruto) and Himawari.

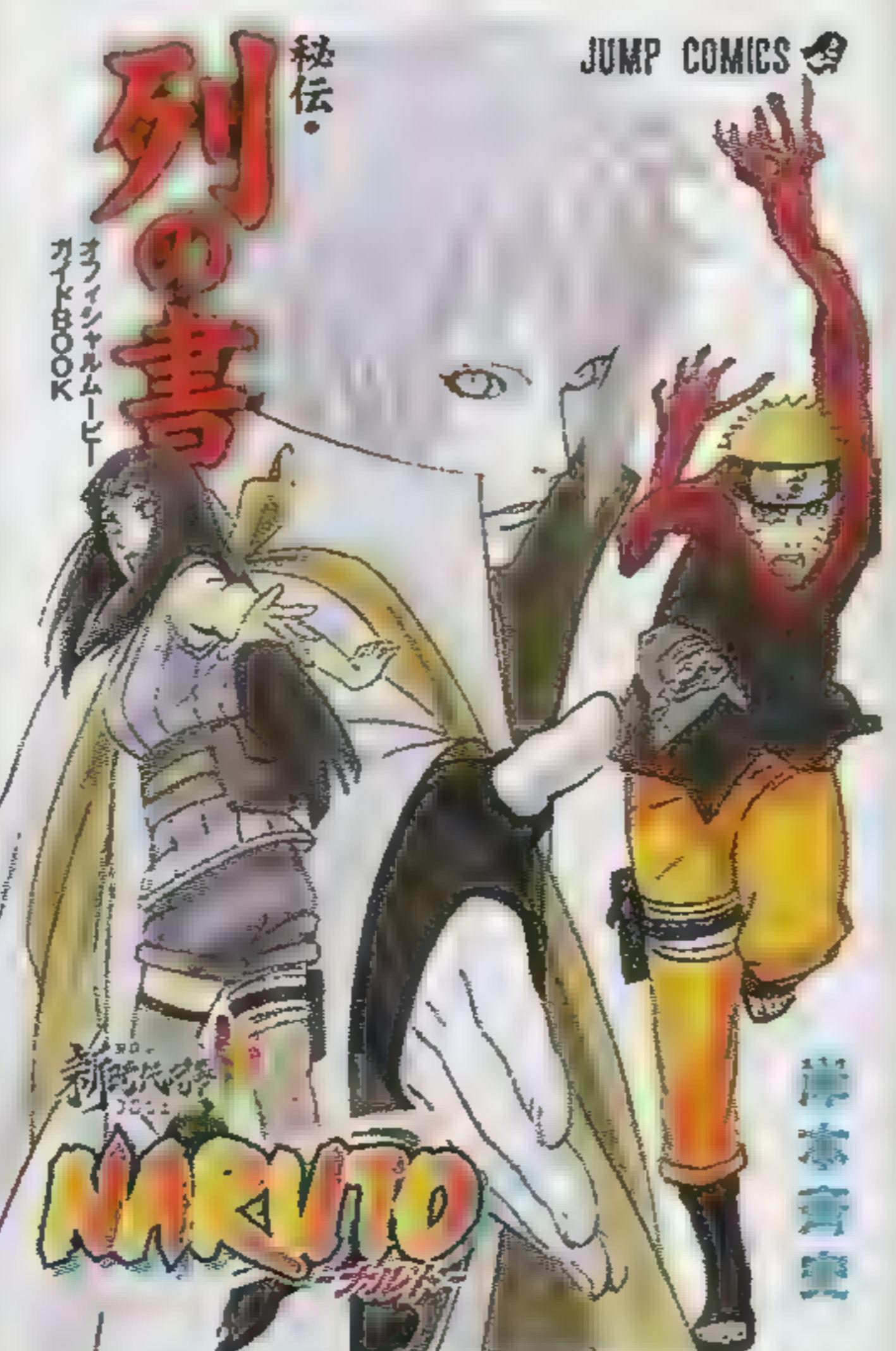


NARUTO "NEW ERA PROJECT"

In celebration of Naruto's 15th year; a special project will be commenced having the The Last: Naruto the movie as its first segment. It will be followed by new Character Data, the Naruto exhibition and the Naruto Musical that will be happening in the year 2015. In addition to that, there will be also a spin off mini-series that will highlight the future generation. There will be also side story books that will feature Kakashi Hatake as the first one.



logo of the New Era Project



New Character Data book cover



New era: that's the theme of the last movie. The movie is set two years after the Fourth Shinobi World War where Naruto and his allies are now adults and living a peaceful life. Masashi Kishimoto gave a hint last December 2012 that a new Naruto movie is in the works and will be the last. Then on October 6, Shueisha's weekly Shonen Jump announced that Naruto manga will end on the 50th issue of Shonen Jump which was last November 10. Kishimoto released it as a double chapter with the last chapter in full color.





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A deeply spicy and cool note creates a smart and cultivated image

REVIEWS

by: Ann

The Dawn of A New Family Akatsuki no Yona

Family for the Asians comes as one of the top priorities. Sometimes, along the way, we meet people who become much like family to us and we give them as much loyalty as we would with our family members, but what if that person has broken that trust?

What if that person was someone that we had given our heart to?



Fixing broken hearts could take time but for **Yona**, it becomes a journey for her maturity. After being a spoiled princess all her life, she comes face to face with this reality when her cousin, **Soo-won**, murders her father, **King II** of the kingdom of **Kouka**. She finds her world come crushing down as the man she has loved her entire life becomes the man that betrays her and steals not only his father's life but also his crown. In her weakest state, Yona leans to her childhood friend and bodyguard, **Hak**, as they run away from this nightmare. Will she be back to take back what was hers or will she turn away from this sad fate and live the life of a commoner?

With 24 episodes produced by **Studio Pierrot**, *Akatsuki no Yona* comes to life from **Mizuho Kusanagi**'s manga. This adventure and drama anime also relives mysticism with the notions that each clan has members that possess unbelievable strength and combat skills. Despite being tagged with themes of kingdoms, knights, and princesses, *Akatsuki no Yona* promises a twist of fate and a twist of emotions with every events that come the way of the main characters.

More of these adventures await Yona, Hak, and the friends that they will meet, so don't miss what Yona of the dawn can do next for her newfound family!



by: Mikelle

April Fools Shigatsu wa Kimi no Uso

Loss is almost always accompanied by Gain. Loss and Gain or vice versa is believed to be one of the rules that governs the world. Though what you acquired and what you lost may differ in form, the actuality of this occurrence still remains as a superstitious mystery to many. Suppose that this theory is true, if you've lost something of great value that could lead your life to a certain turning point, would you also be able to gain something of proportional value?



Arima Kousei is a highly renowned child prodigy that has become well known for winning many piano concours. Countless people looked up and expected great things from him even at the young age of 11. As his future seems to be set in stone, everything suddenly crumbled when her mother/instructor passed away leaving Kousei in a mentally unstable state. Kousei inadvertently left the music world and haven't touched the piano ever since.

Two years later, Kousei kept living a subtle life along with his childhood friends, **Tsubaki** and **Watari**. All seems fair until his fated encounter with **Miyazono Kaori**, a free-willed violinist that always follows her own ideals. Due to a certain turn of events, Kousei got inadvertently dragged back into the world of music once more. The door that has been locked for a long time will again be open, but will it lead to a world of struggles and bitterness, or romance and happiness.

Shigatsu wa Kimi no Uso (*Your Lie in April*) is an anime adaptation of **Naoshi Arakawa**'s renowned manga of the same title from **Shounen Monthly Magazine**. The manga won the 37th Kodansha Manga Awards for Best Shounen Manga. The anime adaptation is produced by **A-1 Pictures** and premiered in the Fall Season of 2014.

Music lovers, especially those akin with classical could most certainly place this series on their watch list, or if you are just looking for a heart wrenching anime for the current season, then *Shigatsu wa Kimi no Uso* is the one for you.



No Limits! No Absolutes! Gundam Build Fighters Try

It's been seven years since Sei Iori and Reiji won the 7th Gunpla Battle World Championship. The Gunpla boom has been revitalized when the Yajima Corporation managed to reinvent the Plavsky particles and changing the rules of Gunpla battle from singles to team-based.

Fumina Hoshino is the president of Seiho Academy's **Gunpla Battle Club** which is on the verge of disbanding if she could not find two more members to participate with her in the upcoming **All-Japan Gunpla Battle Championships**. Her dream team was finally assembled when she encounters **Sekai Kamiki** and then later joined by **Yuuma Kousaka**.



Gundam Build Fighters Try is one of the two latest additions to **Sunrise's** **Gundam** franchise and the sequel to the 2013 series titled "**Gundam Build Fighters**". The series first aired on October 8, 2014 with a total of 19 episodes as of February 11 this year.

GBF Try now centers around the three main characters: Fumina Hoshino, Sekai Kamiki and Yuuma Kousaka, as they battle their way through the championship. Some **Gundam** models from the franchise are making an appearance in the show, but with customized systems due to the fighters and builders combining their imaginations with the Plavsky particles. Characters from previous **Gundam** series are also making a cameo appearance as fanservice to the audience.

In order to enjoy watching **GBF Try**, one doesn't need to have extensive knowledge with all of **Gundam**'s timelines as the main focus of the show is the **Gunpla Battle** itself. **Gundam Build Fighters Try** aims to promote **Bandai's** model kits as seen in the show and encourages the builders to build and customize their **Gunplas** in any way they want.



The Age of Reconquest Gundam: Reconguista in G

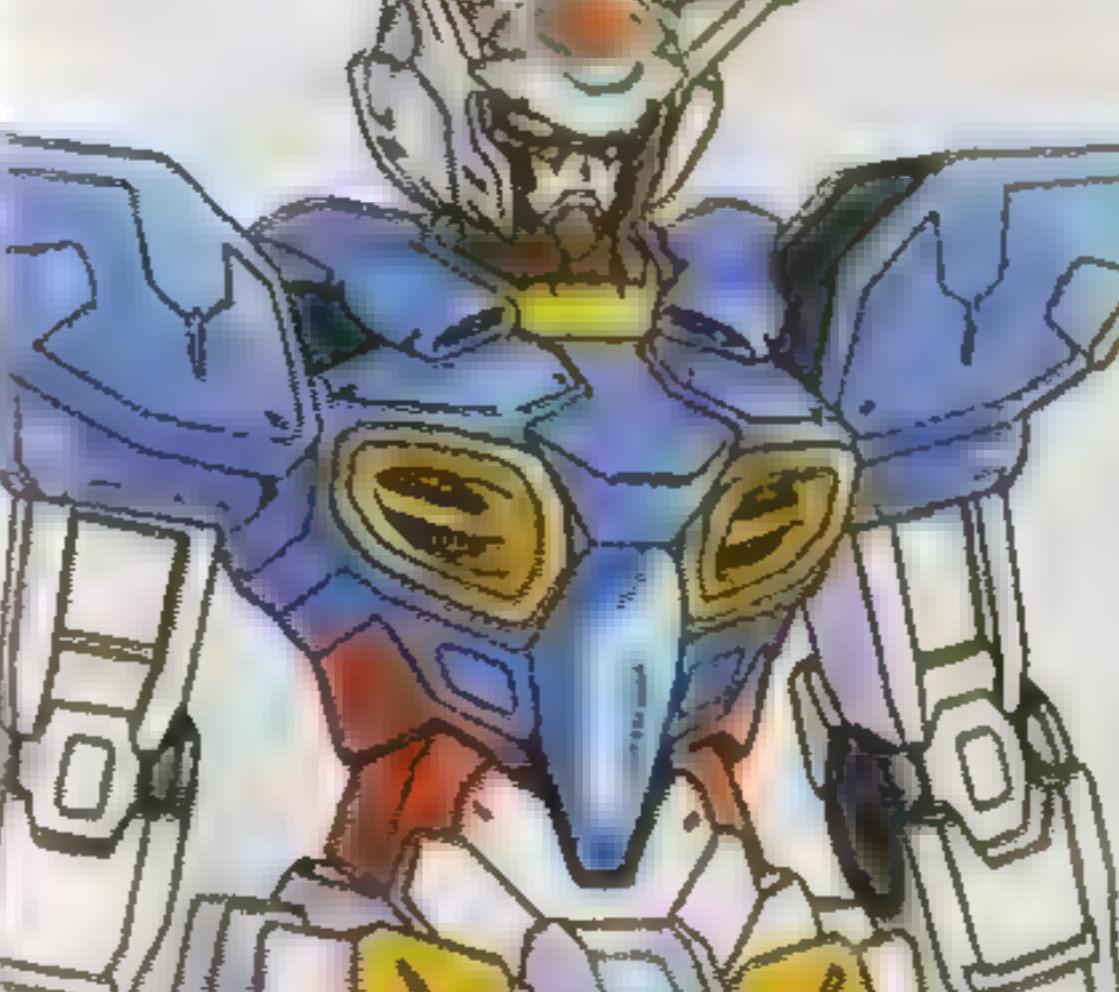
Regild Century—the age of seemingly peaceful and prosperous era mankind now lives in after the end of the **Universal Century**.

Bellri Zenam is a cadet in the **Capital Guard**, an organization tasked to protect the orbital elevator that connects Earth and outer space. The elevator, **Capital Tower**, is being worshipped with religious fervor due to its role of supplying Earth's power with **Photon Batteries**. During his non-simulated exercise, Bellri is attacked by a highly advanced "**G-Self**" mobile suit, but he manages to capture both the mobile suit and its pilot named **Aida Rayhunton** using a maintenance mobile suit.

His encounter with Aida and the **G-Self** is the very trigger that will send the peaceful **Regild Century** back to the age of war.



Gundam: Reconguista in G also known as **G-Reco** is a 2014 Japanese sci-fi anime TV series and the thirteenth incarnation **Sunrise's** long-running **Gundam** mecha series. **G-Reco** is created to celebrate the series' 35th anniversary and the first **Gundam** TV series to be written and directed by **Yoshiyuki Tomino** since **Turn A Gundam** with **Kenichi Yoshida** as the character designer. It first aired on October 2, 2014 as the very first **Gundam** TV show released as a late night anime.



G-Reco is a decent show that might start as confusing, but gradually becomes understandable in the following episodes.

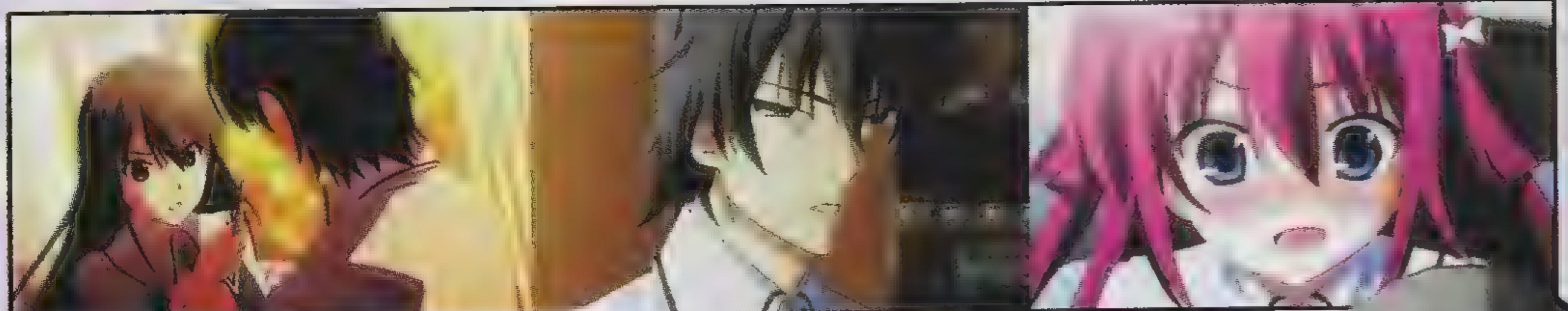
It might be hard for those who are unfamiliar with old **Gundam** shows to stay tuned for the next **G-Reco** episodes, but it wouldn't hurt to give this series a try.



Adam and Five Eves *Grisaia no Kajitsu*

For some people, the start of a new year is the start of a new life. They prefer to set goals and take action by the beginning of a new year for a refreshing start. Normally, these people make use of two ways to start anew. The first one is an assessment of their overall goals, including their personality, and the other one is a change in environment. For Yuuji Kazami, a young man whose past is connected to underground mechanisms, the latter works best. In that particular school year, he chooses to enroll to Mihami Academy. It is believed to be an "ordinary school" for students wanting an "ordinary life". But how does a school that only accommodates six students sound ordinary?

Mihami Academy may not be an ordinary school after all, even though the principal insists this fact. Yuuji, being the only male student, finds himself surrounded by five gorgeous but mysterious young female students. Each of them has their own quirkiness: an acting tsundere, a flirty onee-chan, the class representative on a maid uniform, and a girl who loves eating apples. They are quite friendly toward him at first, except for the seemingly cold and calculated Yumiko Sakaki. The long-haired girl always tries to attack Yuuji with her box cutter whenever she has a chance. Fortunately, Yuuji successfully dodges all her attempts to injure him. But the longer he stays at the academy, the more he learns about each individual's past. And through that sequence, he unconsciously digs deeper into the past he wants to escape from the most.



Grisaia no Kajitsu or *Le Fruit de la Grisaia* is originally a drama visual novel developed and published by **Front Wing** and **Prototype** in 2011. Due to its popularity, two manga titles have been serialized in 2013 and 2014 respectively. Now, an anime series with 13 episodes has been produced under the studio **8-bit**. The sequences are very much ordinary, and it seems that the characters themselves could act it out in a live-action film. But the animation itself is breathtaking and smooth-flowing. Don't let the harem element, or the fact that it came from a visual novel stop you from watching. It has a dark, cryptic theme to it that you can only solve once you progress through the series.

by: tizac 3.0

Why choose between "health" and "taste"...
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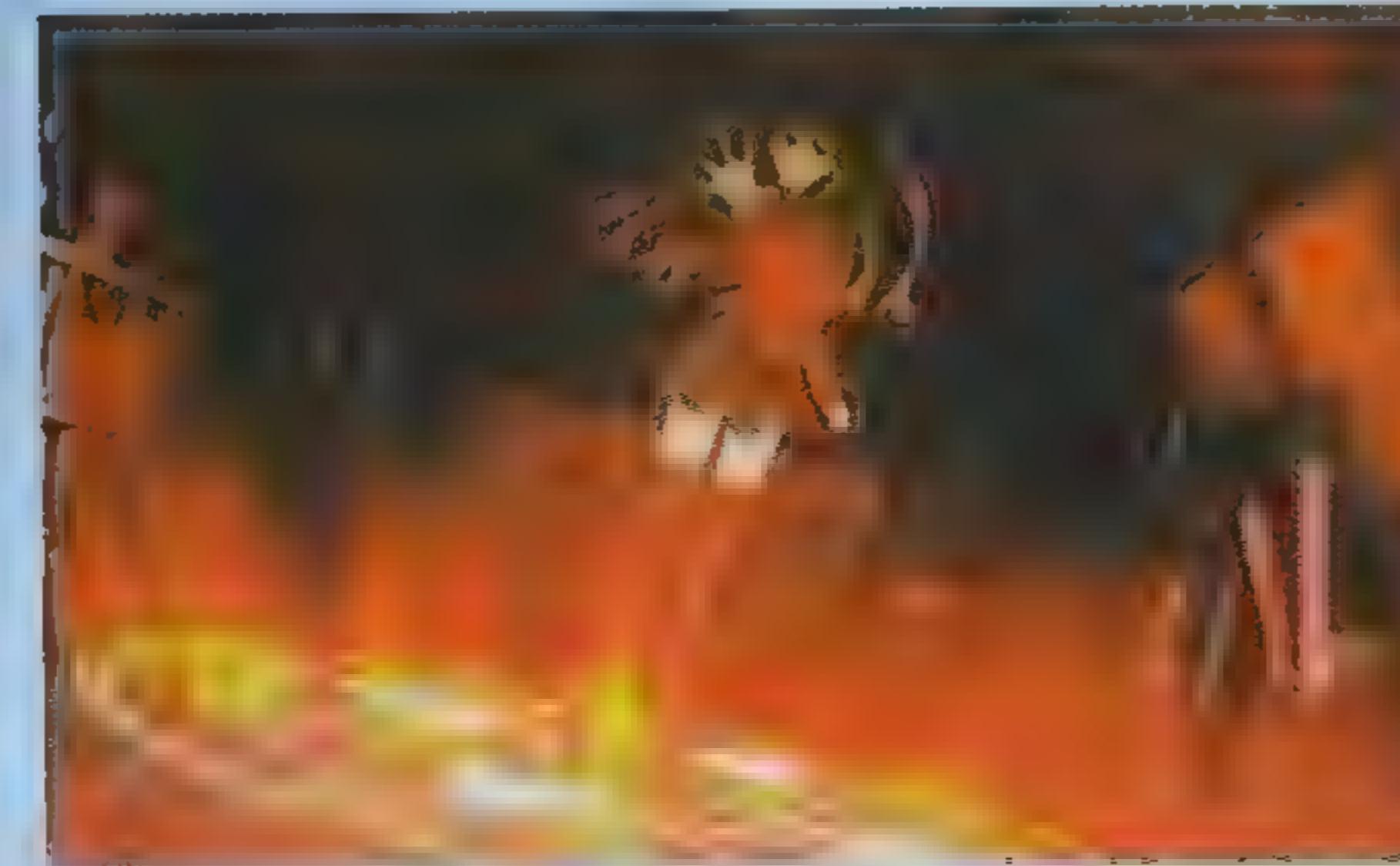
Once there was a boy who dreamt of becoming a Hero of Justice that serves to protect mankind. Straight as an arrow, he pursued his dream and took that path while training both body and mind. Soon enough, the boy then turned into a man capable of standing on his own. Nevertheless he realized that his power is not nearly enough to fulfill his dream. Then thatateful time came, the man made a contract with the World and became a hero that has the ability to create miracles.

After becoming a renowned individual, the hero was made into an escape goat and was executed by the very existence he swore to protect, though his tale did not end even after death as he entered the Throne of Heroes where his contrct still continues, the said hero still hopes to realize his dream. Time after time, the hero keeps getting summoned from the threshold to, ironically, slaughter humans that could drive mankind to self-destruction. Dispose the minority to save the majority.

Deviating from his ideals and realizing what he himself is committing, the hero ever so strongly wished to be called upon in an era where his past self exist. He plans to kill his younger self to create a paradox which could erase himself from exstence.

Alas, that time arrived. With blade in both hands and surrounded by an unlimited number of blades, the hero confronts himself."

Fate Stay Night: Unlimited Blade Works is the reboot of the movie version and is both brought to us by Ufotable and TYPEMOON. Originally adapted from the visual novel *Fate Stay Night*, *Unlimited Blade Works* serves as the nd route of the game where the main protagonist, Shiro Emiya, pursued his path into becoming a hero of justice. Unlike the 1st route where Saber is the main female protagonist, *Unlimited Blade Works* now focuses on Rin Tohsaka as Shiro's love interest.



Plot wise, *Unlimited Blade Works* is definitely an epic tale that boasts a grandeur and refined storyline from beginning to end. Doubled by Ufotable's superb animation; the fight scenes, character designs and background makes a fine work of art.

Unlimited Blade Works is most definitely a must watch not only by those who are fans of TYPEMOON or the famed Nasuverse, but also for those who seeks a thrill of heroic adventures like the ones you dreamt when you were a child. Give this series a spin and rest assured that you will not be disappointed.

CHARACTERS

Shiro Emiya

The main protagonist and a self proclaimed hero of justice that uphold his late father's teachings. Dragged into the Holy Grail war as one of the participants, he fasten his resolve and took the path he believed without being clouded by anything that surrounds him.



Rin Tohsaka

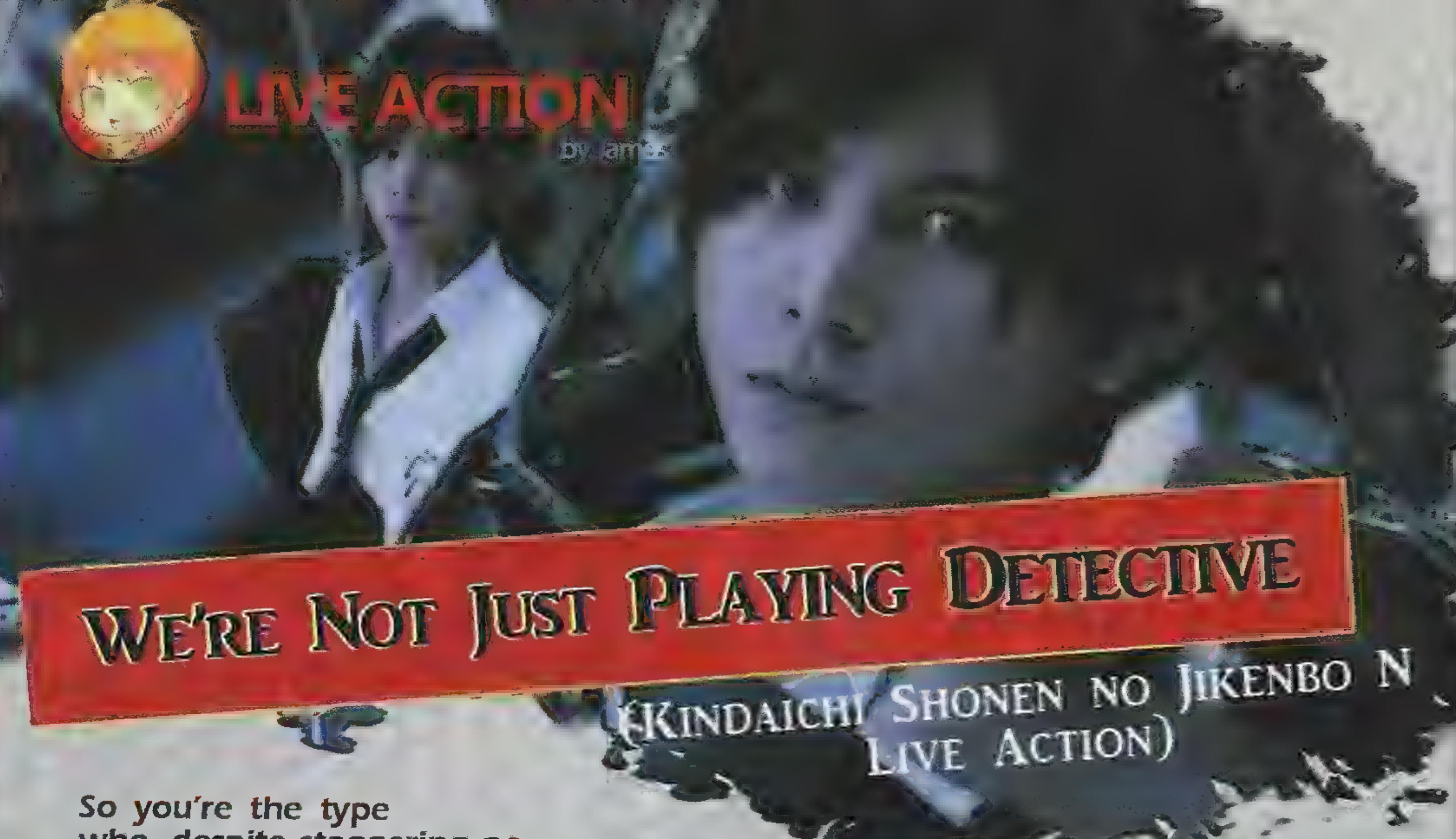
The main female protagonist who also acts as Shiro's guide and mentor. Descended from a renowned family of magus who were once apprenticed by the Wizard Marshall Zelretch, she voluntarily joins the war to uphold her family's pride.



Archer



Archer is Rin's haughty servant who claims that he does not know his true identity while blaming Rin's faulty summon. Archer is very contradicting and cynical but still acts when the time has come. Archer is always true to his words but masks half of the truth.

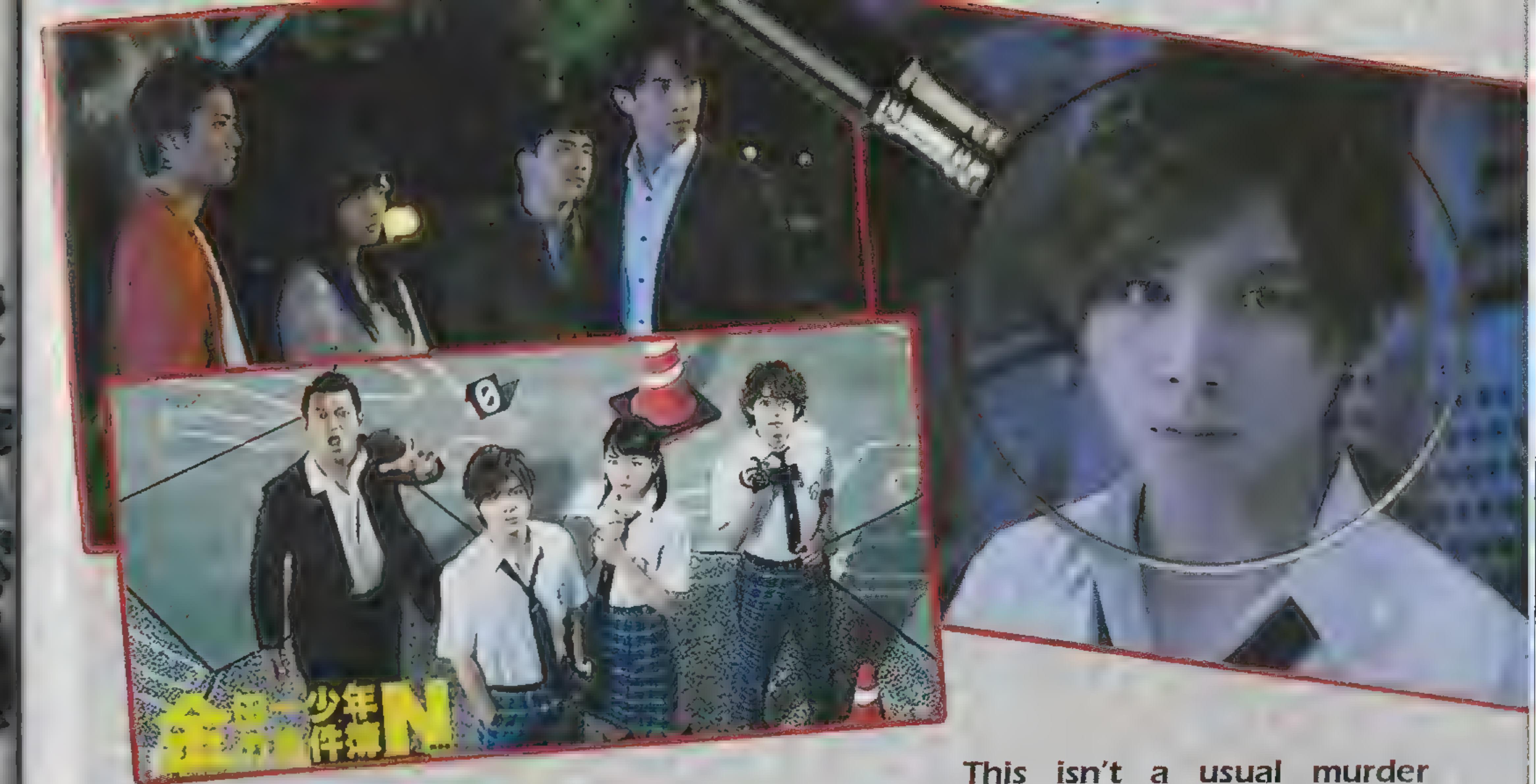


WE'RE NOT JUST PLAYING DETECTIVE

KINDAICHI SHONEN NO JIKENBO N
(LIVE ACTION)

So you're the type who, despite staggering potential, isn't overachieving because you don't find school interesting and would rather focus on something more fun instead. That's alright – just because you're not at academics doesn't mean you will fare poorly at anything else. And who knows? Maybe you have a knack for something that is not included in the curriculum, just like mystery solving. After all, they don't teach you even the basics of that rather cool activity. So if you want to know more how to uncover the unknown, they you can learn a thing or two from troublemaking and puzzle-solving genius Kindaichi Hajime. Get your thinking cap on for Kindaichi Shonen no Jikenbo N.

Based on the manga of the same name by author Kanari Youzaburou and artist Satou Fumiya, this second adaptation revolves around Hajime Kindaichi (Ryosuke Yamada), a high school kid who has an IQ of 180. But despite that, he's far from being an exemplary student, because he'd rather do seemingly stupid yet funny antics. Because of this, his friend Miyuki Nanase (Azusa Okamoto) calls out his wacky and childish behavior. But when a student in the drama club gets murdered, Hajime puts his care-free way of life on pause and tries to solve the case. Can he do it? Well, why not? After all, he's the grandson of Kosuke Kindaichi – a famous detective.

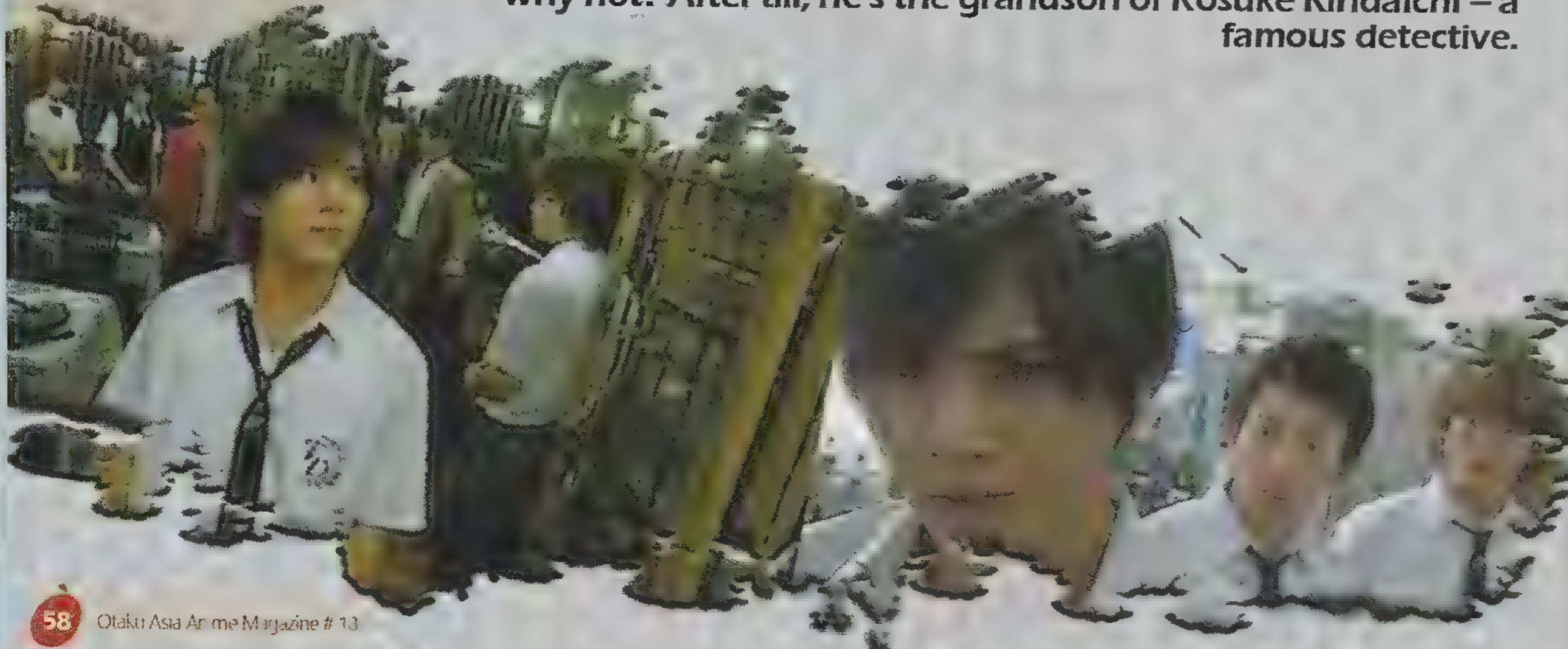


This isn't a usual murder mystery series, as it involves mythical creatures and magic. But despite these elements, the show still mostly relies on detective work to flesh out the mystery aspect of the show. Also, the show takes itself very seriously, even in its comedic aspect, making sure that no acting or scene is out of context.



The actors are more than just pretty faces to look at, as they can fill the shoes of their characters quite well. The lead star, Ryosuke Yamada, who has also played as the lead detective in the live action adaptation of mystery manga *Tantei Gakuen Q*, is not only skilled at playing as the bumbling and comedic part of Hajime, but also his serious, mystery-solving side. As for the female lead Azusa Okamoto, portrays perfectly a responsible, disciplined girl who is the perfect foil to Hajime's loose and happy-go-lucky personality.

Funny, serious, exciting, and mystically mysterious, *Kindaichi Shonen no Jikenbo N* can get you either scratching your head or getting that eureka moment. With its lovable and colorful cast and an atmosphere that always suits the ever-changing mood of the show, this is one that shouldn't be missed by mystery buffs.





HOT ANIME Lil' Bloodsucker!

by: lizac 3.0

Parasyte -the maxim-

The concept of life in the outer space is not new. A lot of studies show that aliens have long visited earth dating back to the ancient times. It was believed that the aliens helped in architectural progress as seen in the construction of Pyramids and other godly formations during that time. Fortunately, the 'aliens' did no harm as conveyed through ancient wall inscriptions. But if destructive alien-like creatures were to visit earth now, there would surely be mayhem.

Human life is in danger, and only one person can do something about it. **Izumi Shinichi** is a 17-year-old high school student who has been living a normal and peaceful life until a scary event occurs that changes his life forever. One night, when Shinichi was sleeping peacefully in his room, a transparent worm-like creature attempted to enter his body through his ears and nostrils. But this creature is quite persistent in entering his body. It suddenly burrowed into Shinichi's right hand, disappearing into his veins. He tried to ignore what happened despite its uncanny nature. But the next day, he found himself getting in trouble because of his almost uncontrollable right hand, as if it had a mind of its own.

These "parasites" are now on earth, invading people's brains and benefiting from their human hosts. Unsolved brutal serial killings called "**Mincemeat Murders**" committed by the parasites and their human hosts are all over the news on TV. Shinichi is the lucky one whose brain hasn't been invaded, and he is the only who knows the truth behind these. Can a high schooler who can't even harm a bug do something about it?



Parasyte is a sci-fi manga written by **Hitoshi Iwaaki**, which ran from 1990-1995 in **Kodansha**. Now, almost twenty years later, an anime adaptation with 24 episodes has been produced by **Madhouse**. Two live action films are also set to be released, one that was already presented at the Tokyo International Film festival last year, and the other one on April of this year. **Parasyte** starts every episode in medias res where the protagonist is in the middle of a problem, in this case, Shinichi trying to figure out a solution for the parasite that has eaten his right hand.



Izumi Shinichi

CV: Nobunaga Shimazaki
(Haruka Nanase, Free!; Tatsumi, Orenchi no Furo Jijō)



Shinichi is currently the host of parasite "Migi". Before Migi, he was a clumsy boy who cannot stand bugs. When Migi invaded his right hand, Shinichi became quick to his reflexes, good in sports, and good at fighting others! Shinichi has developed a strong sense of justice because of his power coming from Migi. Other parasites consider him as a dangerous creature because his brain is still intact unlike other hosts. Now, they are in pursuit of Shinichi, and he's more than ready to face all of them with Migi's help.

Migi -The Parasite-

CV: Aya Hirano
(Lucy Heartfilia, Fairy Tail; Paiman, Gatchaman Crowds)



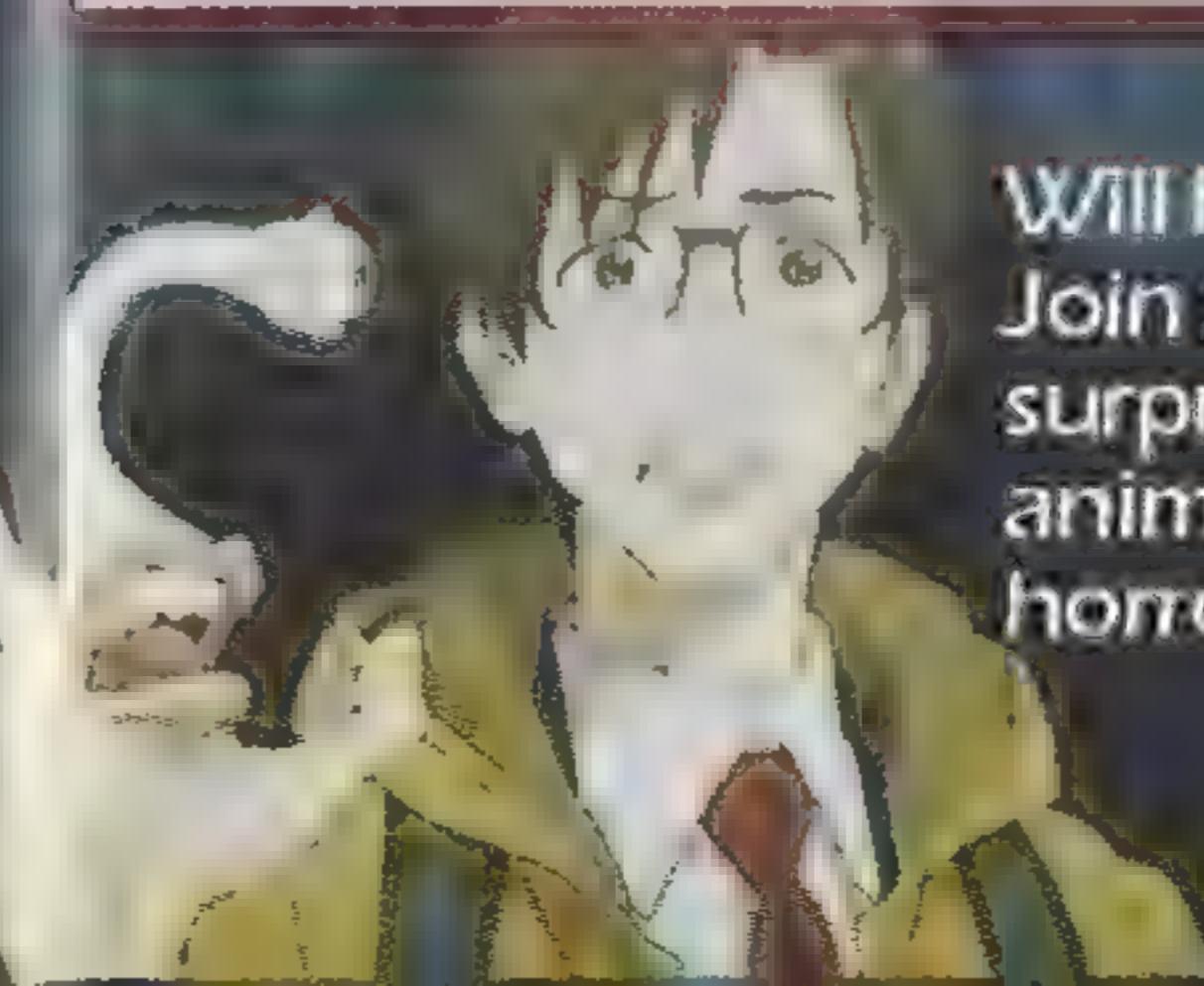
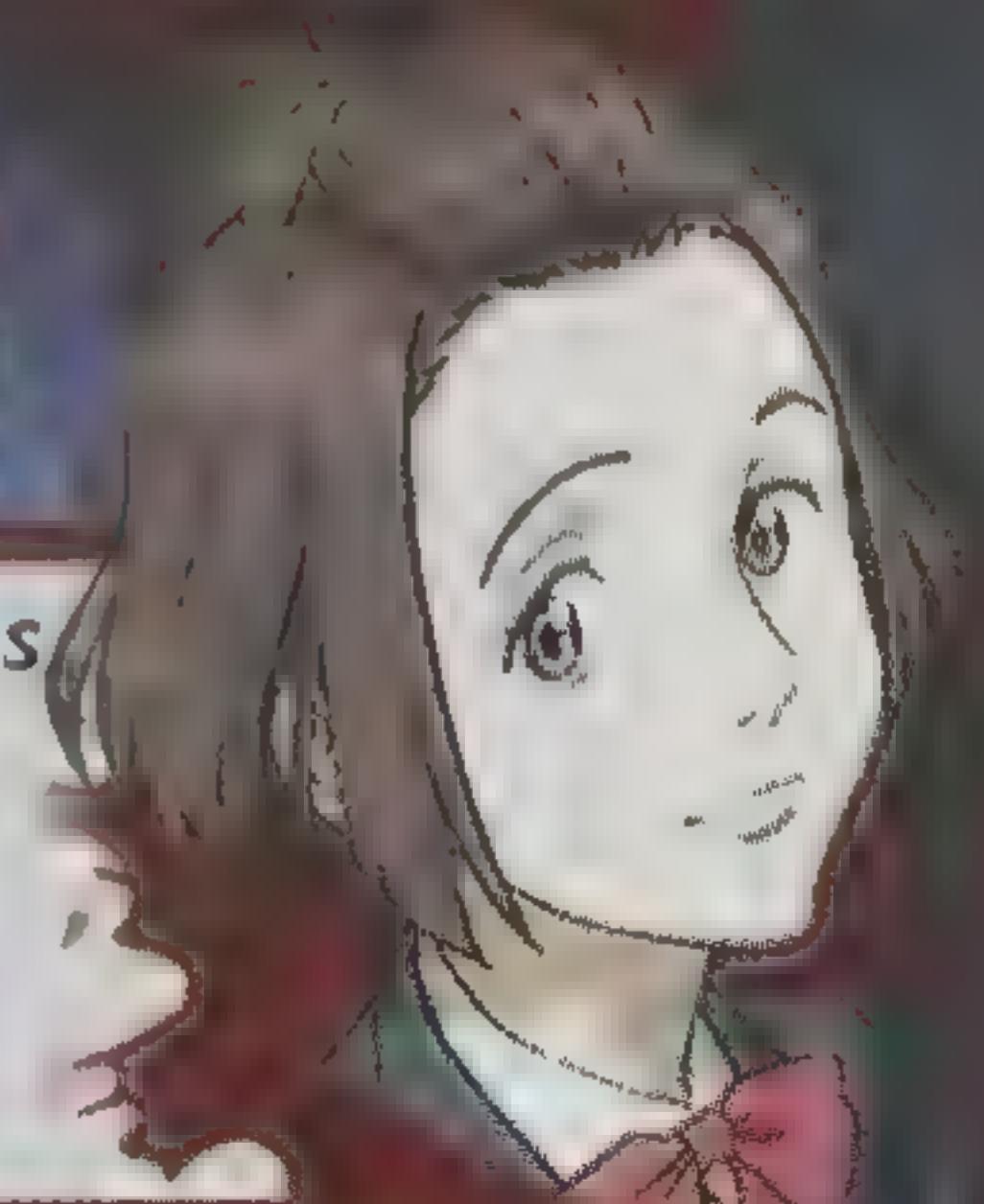
Migi mysteriously came from a transparent egg-like balloon from the outer space. It didn't have any knowledge about earth at first; the only thing that drives it is to invade people's brains to continuously live. After penetrating Shinichi's right hand, Migi became very knowledgeable about many subjects. It has the ability to read using its two snail-like eyes. It also has a mouth that appears on any part of Shinichi's hand whenever there's danger or whenever it is convenient. It sleeps at random times of the day, and feeds off from the nutrients in Shinichi's body.



Satomi Murano -The Lover-

CV: Kana Hanazawa
(Akane Tsunemori, Psycho Pass; Anri Sonohara, Durarara!)

Satomi is Shinichi's friend and love interest in the series. It seems the feeling is mutual, but as Shinichi adapts a very strong personality compared to what he was before, Satomi suspects that something odd is going on with him. She is a sweet and forgiving friend, as evident in the first episode when Migi secretly tried a very "suggestive" antic on her.

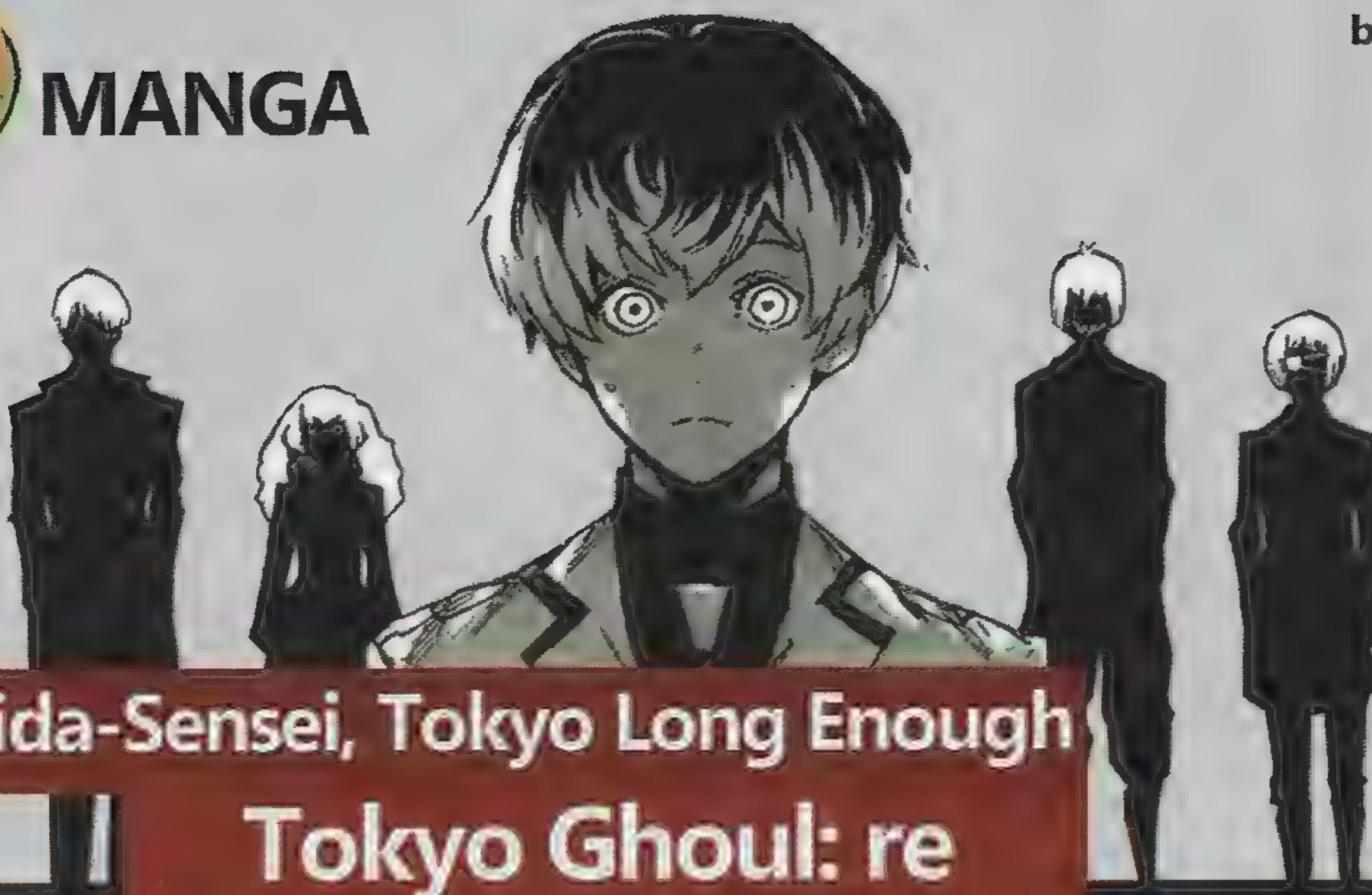


Will humanity rise against parasites, or fall for the deadly trap? Join Shinichi as he discovers more about the power of Migi and surprisingly, about his monstrous capabilities himself. **Parasyte** is a fall anime that extends up to winter to supply to our parasitic needs in horror and gore!



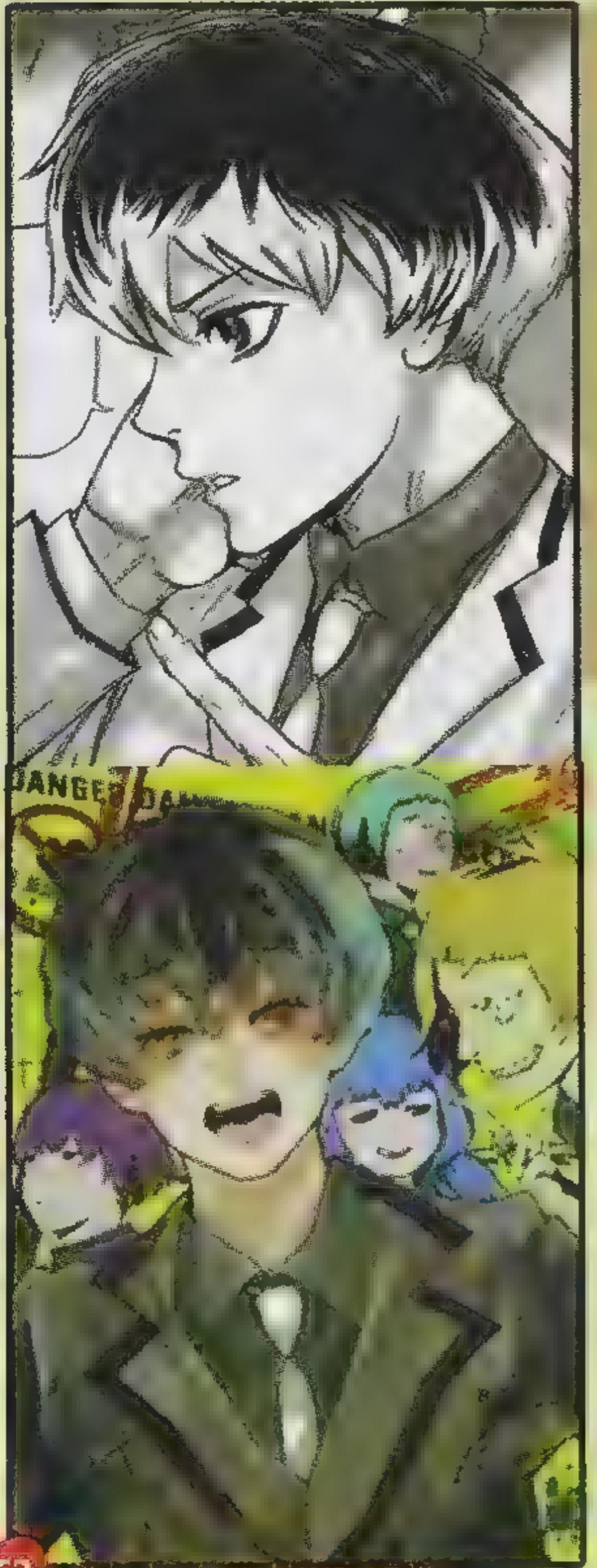
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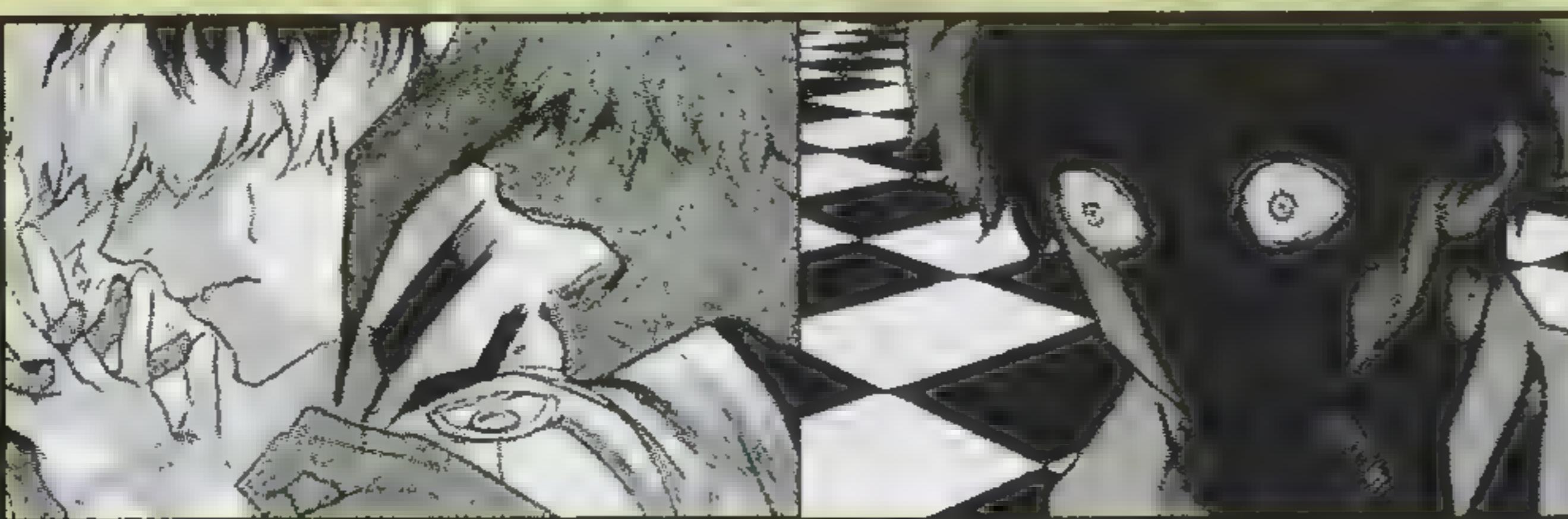


Ishida-Sensei, Tokyo Long Enough Tokyo Ghoul: re

In the last chapter of Tokyo Ghoul was released, the curtains closed on our favorite ghoul, Kaneki Ken, shrouding his fate in mystery. Because of an unexpected cliffhanger of a conclusion, the fandom went into a speculation frenzy. After months the fans received word from the author Ishida Sui himself. No, not a confirmation of what has befallen on our hero, but something better – a sequel. It's time to once again stalk and hunt the city at night – welcome back to Tokyo; this is Tokyo Ghoul:re.



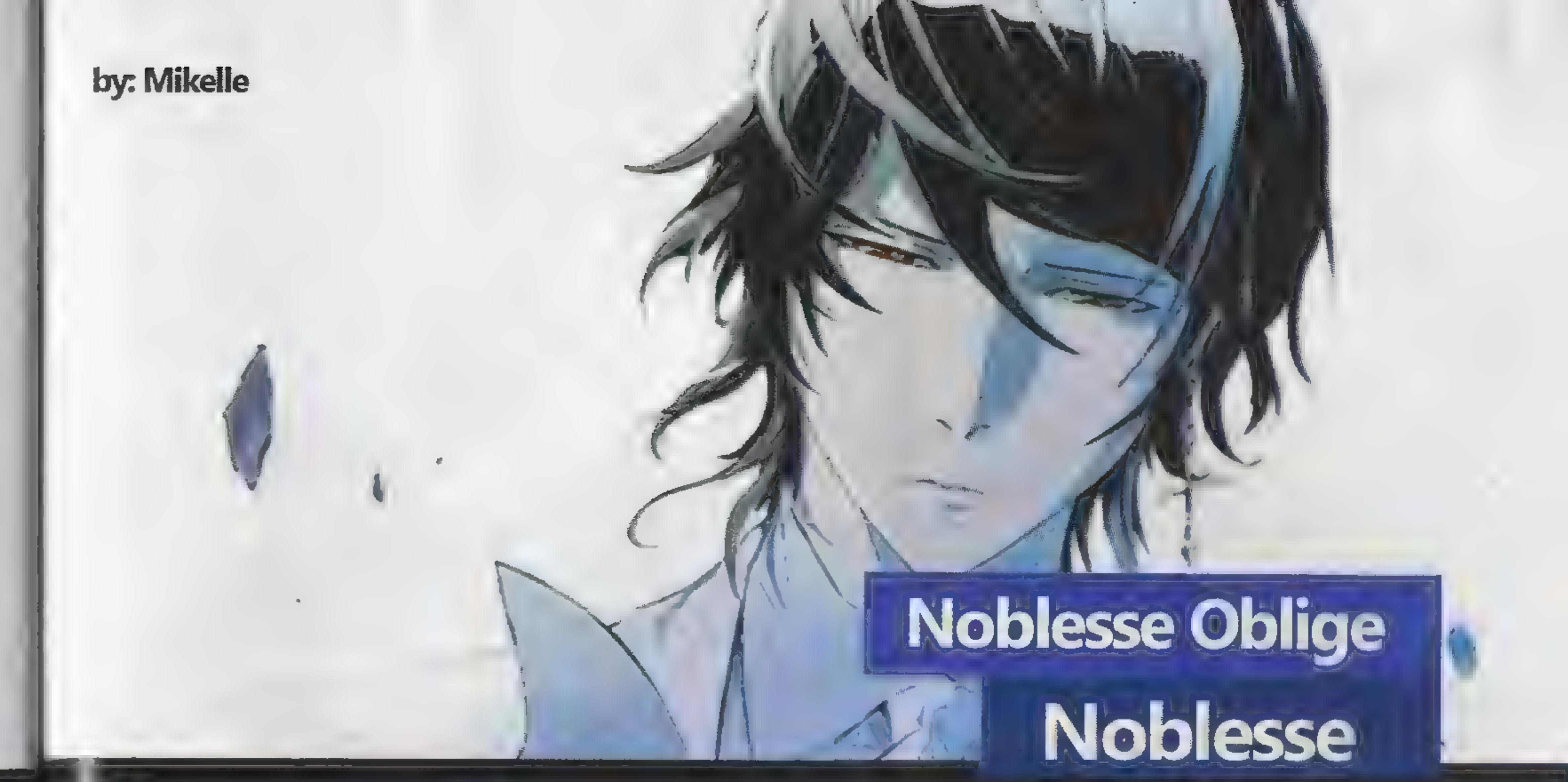
Tokyo Ghoul:re not only picks up where **Tokyo Ghoul** left off, but also switches teams. This time around, we see the story on the side of the humans: of the **Commission of Counter Ghoul** to be exact. Meet our new lead **Haise Sasaki**, a rank-1 investigator and a quinx. The **quinx**, CCG's latest response to the growing ghoul threat, is a human with a quinque inside of his body, allowing him to have ghoul-like fighting capabilities. And our new hero is the leader of CCG's first-ever quinx team, which is tasked to find out about a mysterious and powerful ghoul named **Torso**. And for every step forward he and his team makes, the more the bloody battles they have with ghouls, and the more they find out about the mysteries surrounding their enemies and their world.



Having started publication in **Weekly Young Jump** last October 16, the manga still has a lot of ground to cover before it totally connects with the prequel. However, even though things seem disjunct as of now, it's better to read **Tokyo Ghoul** first so that you'd be filled in on the details.

So if you have finished **Tokyo Ghoul**, come on over to the other side that is **Tokyo Ghoul:re**.

by: Mikelle

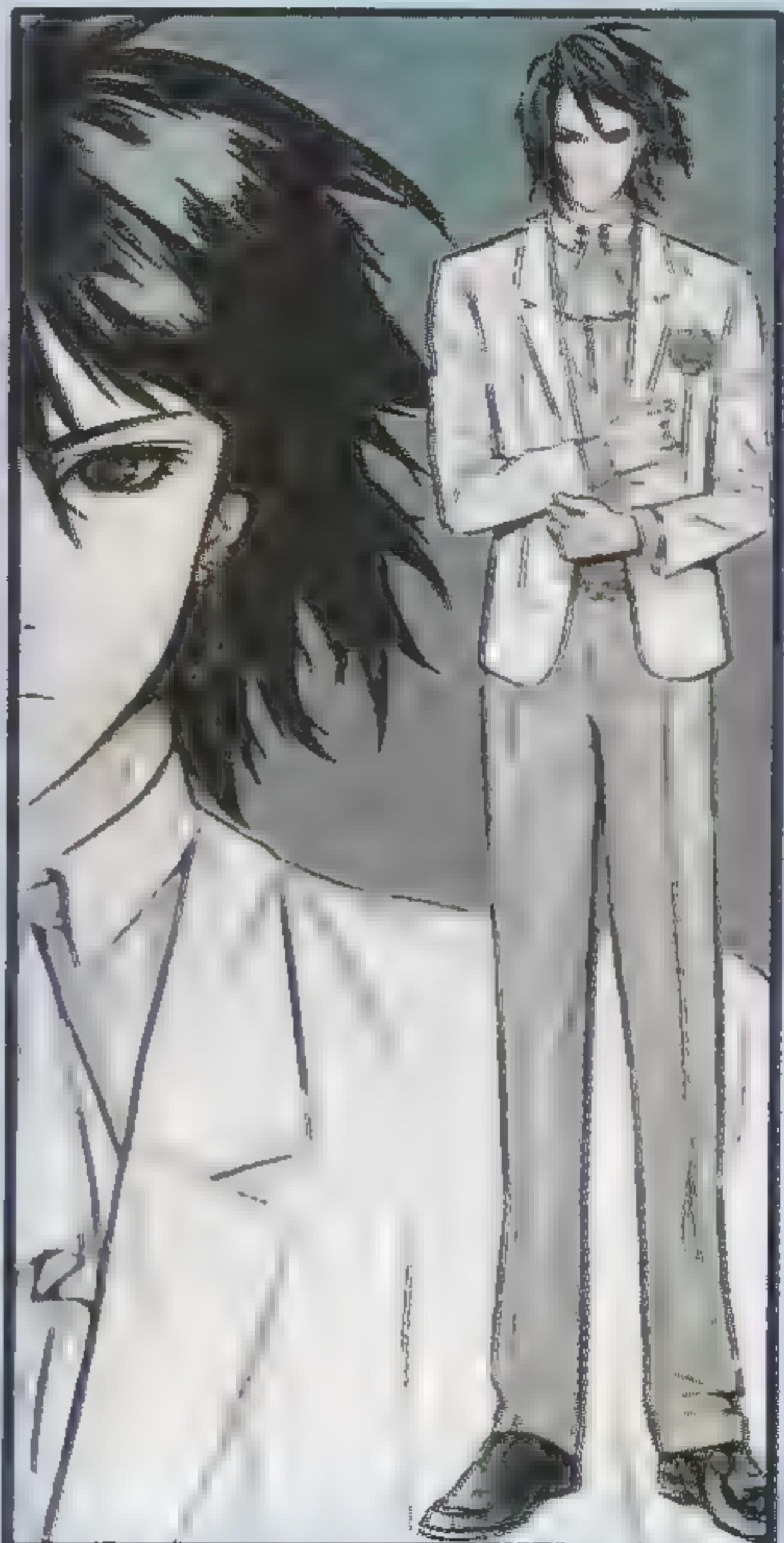


Noblesse Oblige Noblesse

No matter what era, mankind is still driven by the same instincts: a thirst for knowledge, a drive for discovery and the will to survive. Though some things never changes, advancement still occurs throughout the course of time. Despite all these, mankind is still believed to be young specie that has not yet reached its full potential through evolution. Even so, humans are still considered to be at the top when it comes to the evolutional chart, or at the least that's what we believe.

Cadis Etrama Di Raizel aka **Rai** has been asleep for 820 years. Though he was a powerful noble of during his time, Rai is now ignorant and has zero knowledge about mankind's advancement during the period of his sleep. Baffled by the unfamiliar surrounding, Rai came across his loyal servant **Frankenstein** who now acts as a principal of **Ye Ran** high school. Rai enrolled into the said school thinking that it was a good idea to gain more knowledge about the current age and sees this as a chance to blend into society. Rai later finds himself as a member of a circle of friends that often gets dragged into dangerous mischiefs as they uncover Rai's dark past.

Noblesse is a webtoon manhwa written by **Son Jae Ho** and illustrated by **Lee Gwand Su**. The pairs work got published in December of 2007 on Naver and is still publishing up to this date with a current count of 6 volumes.



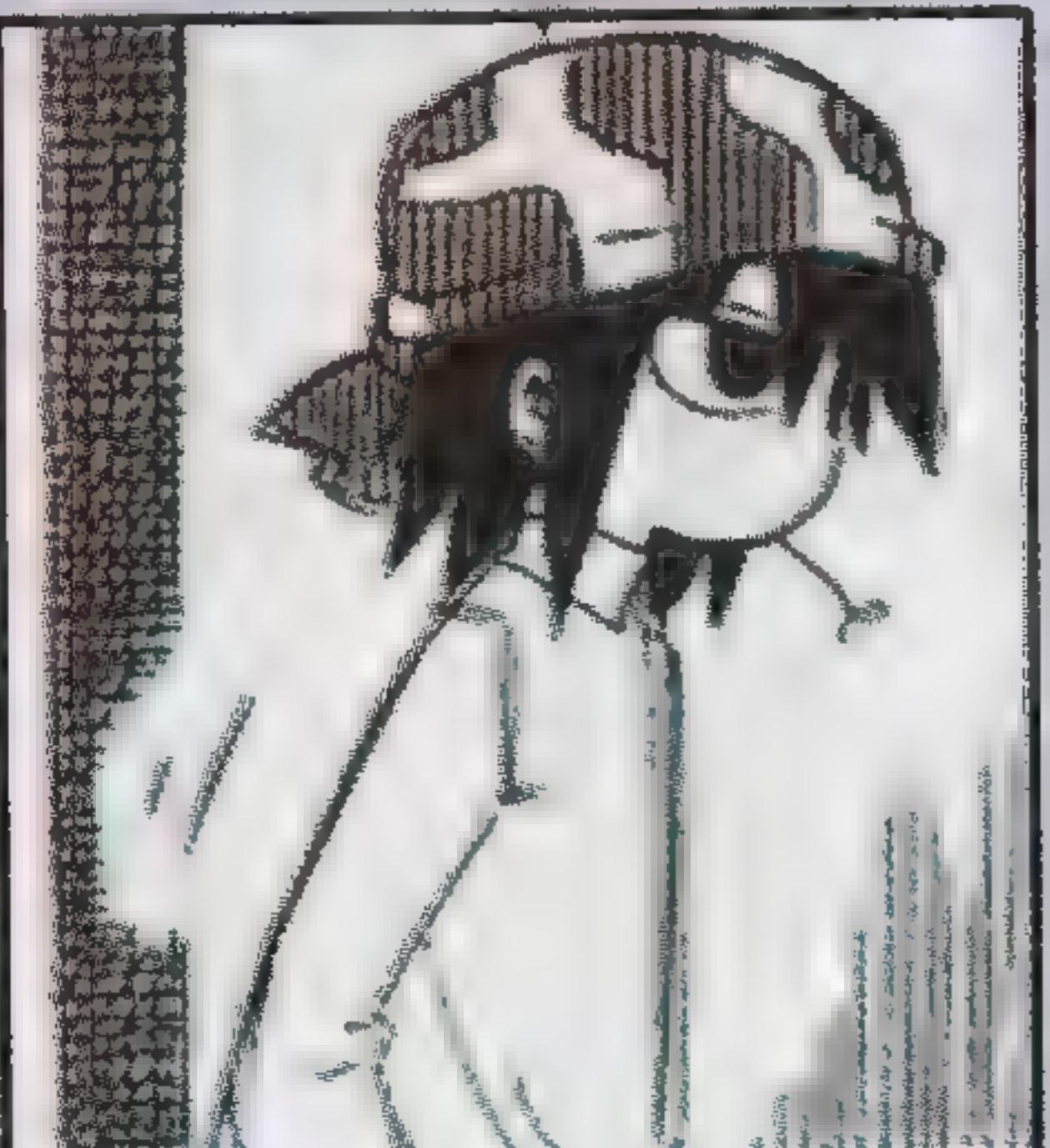
Noblesse is definitely not your stereotype vampire story. This manhwa really sets itself apart from the rest. **Noblesse** is more like a slice of life filled with school events that suddenly gets twisted into a serious plot with epic battles. In short, **Noblesse** is quite unpredictable that there's no use trying to figure out what would happen next.

If you are looking for an amazing read coupled with a story filled with twist and turns, a good sense of humor, action and mystery, and a special mention to those that adores vampire lore and myths, **Noblesse** is the right prescription for you.

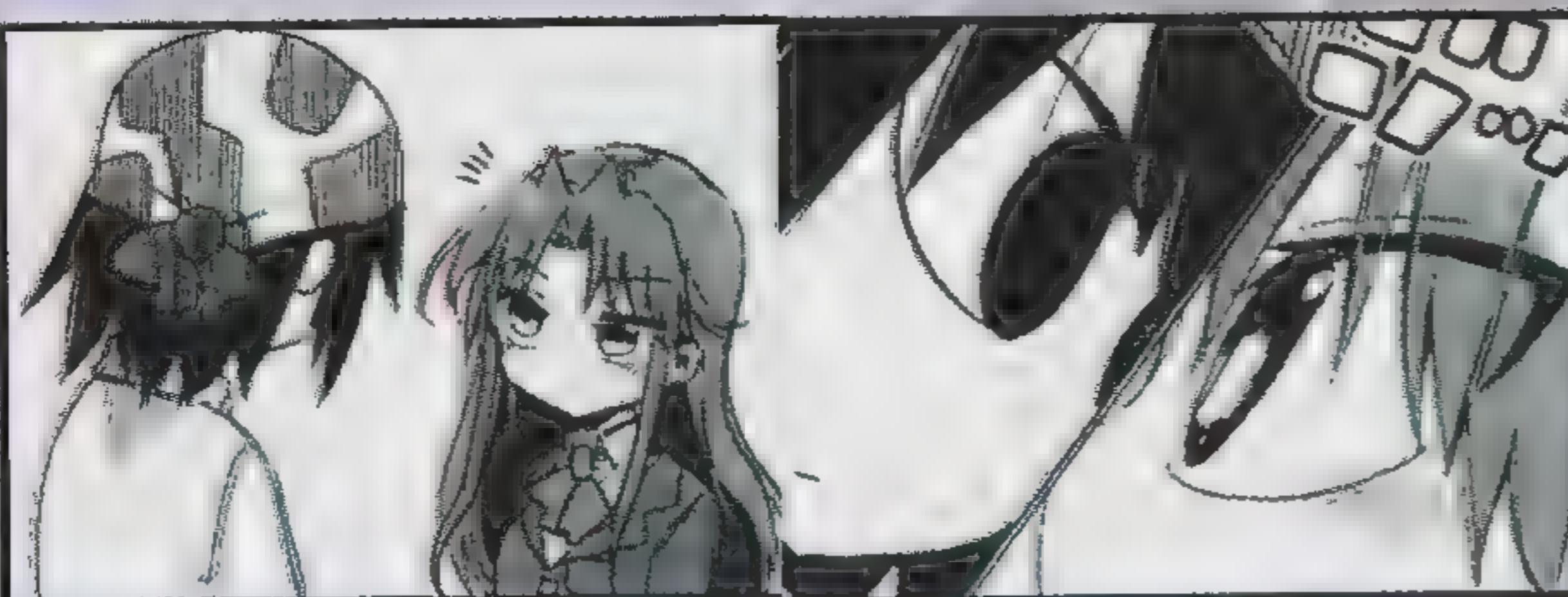


"Ohohohohohoho!~ Compared to my noble residence, your houses are mere dog kennels," laughs the lady while raising her hand against her mouth.

Who has not watched or read a high class lady act this way? As typically portrayed by most anime and manga, a high class lady usually treats commoners as people who are way beneath her. Of course, not all the time. But what happens when a rich lonely girl meets a lonely guy, albeit a bit weird one?

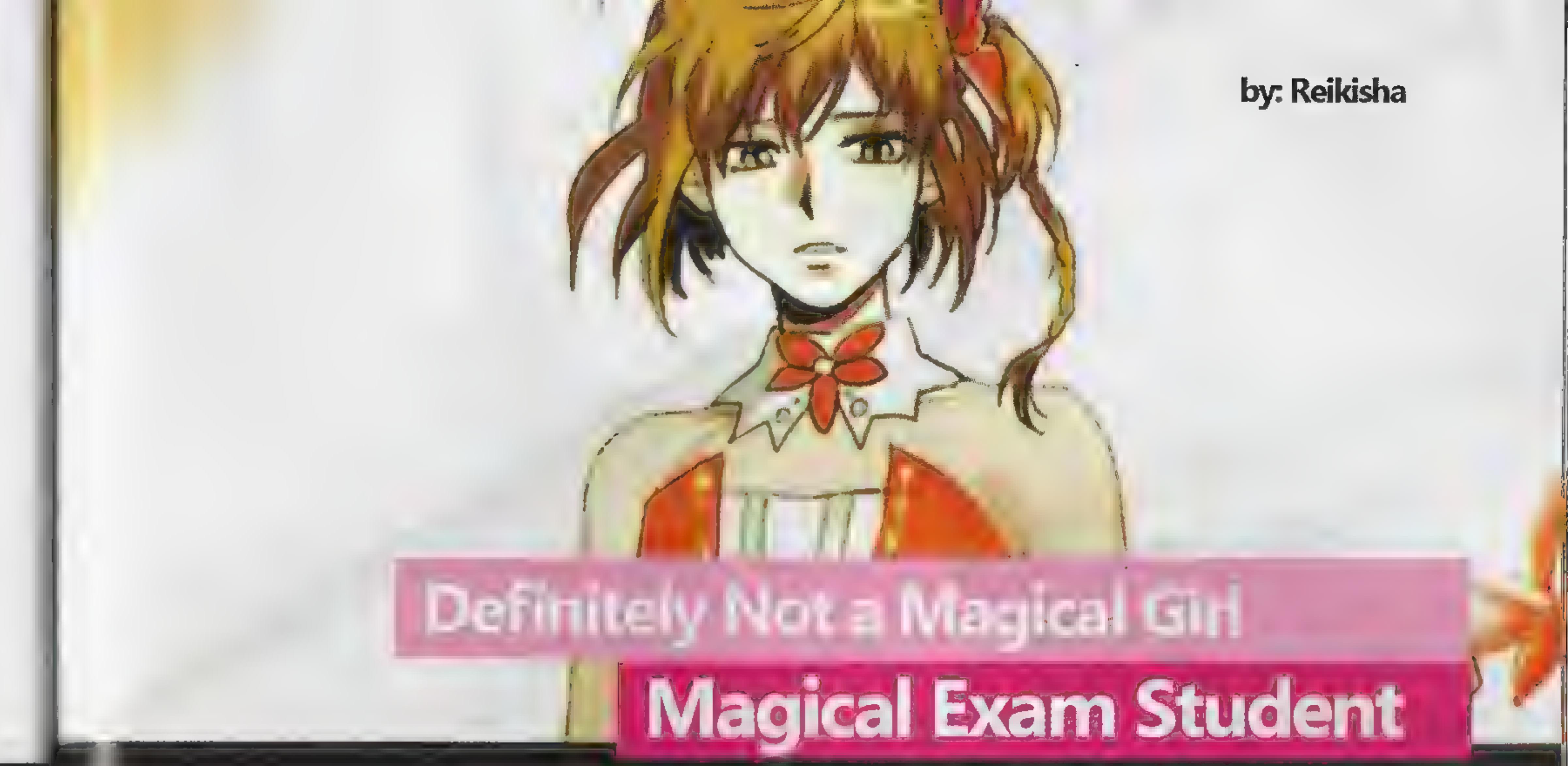


Ojojojo is a four koma (panel) manga that tells the everyday school life of a rich girl named **Jigokumeguri Haru**. As a person who grew up in a large house surrounded by servants, Jigokumeguri is only used to speaking snobbishly and sarcastically. When she transferred to her new school, she meets **Kawayanagi Tsurezure**. Kawayanagi is the type who wears old style of clothes and usually has a poker face. Before Jigokumeguri even came to her new school, Kawayanagi was already seen as a weirdo and had been living his high school life alone. With two different personalities that are like oil and water, it was possible for the two of them to get along and become good friends.



In this manga, it is really not far from happening. What separates this four koma manga from the others of the continuity of the characters' stories from what really happens when you start to develop your feelings for a friend. Tendou happens to be a fan of their pairing and observes the possible turnabout of their relationship.

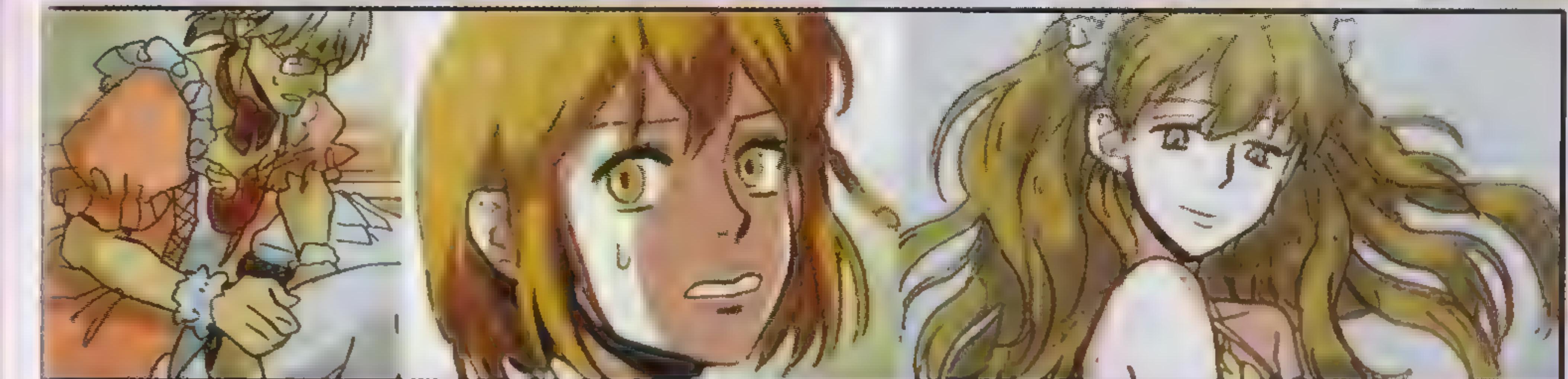
This manga is a change of pace from your usual shoujo and for koma manga. There are a lot of snickering and laughing, and that bit of heart warming and thumping moments to look forward to.



Ah, the magical girl genre. The genre that was viewed as the stories where dreams come true and friendship prevails. Wait, what do you mean by 'This one's a different story.'? At least, the premise should center around a bubbly girl taking a brave leap into the world of magic. Right?

You won't see these traits in **Han Yurem**. Instead of the above characteristics, she's rather cynical and melancholic. What seems like another mundane day in her everyday life at school soon turns bizarre. After falling asleep, she would wake up in the middle of the night, still in the school. Before she knew it, she's in a seemingly different version of the world now, complete with a crossdressing teacher, spirit goldfish, and of course, magical powers!

Magical Exam Student is a Korean webtoon by **Biwan**. The series started in 2013, and so far, 52 chapters have been released. The series can be read in the Naver website and consistently racks up good scores from reader ratings.



What immediately strikes out with **Magical Exam Student** is the unique approach on the standard magical girl story. The story has a lot of emphasis on comedy, and does a masterful job at it, especially in its parody scenes. **Han Yurem** also makes a distinct protagonist due to her personality. The rest of the cast, which includes **Aran**, her best friend, show their own perks which makes them enjoyable to watch as a whole. You will definitely itch for more as you read through each chapter.

Lots of laughs, a unique twist, and a realistic cast are more than enough reasons for you to read this entertaining magical girl story.



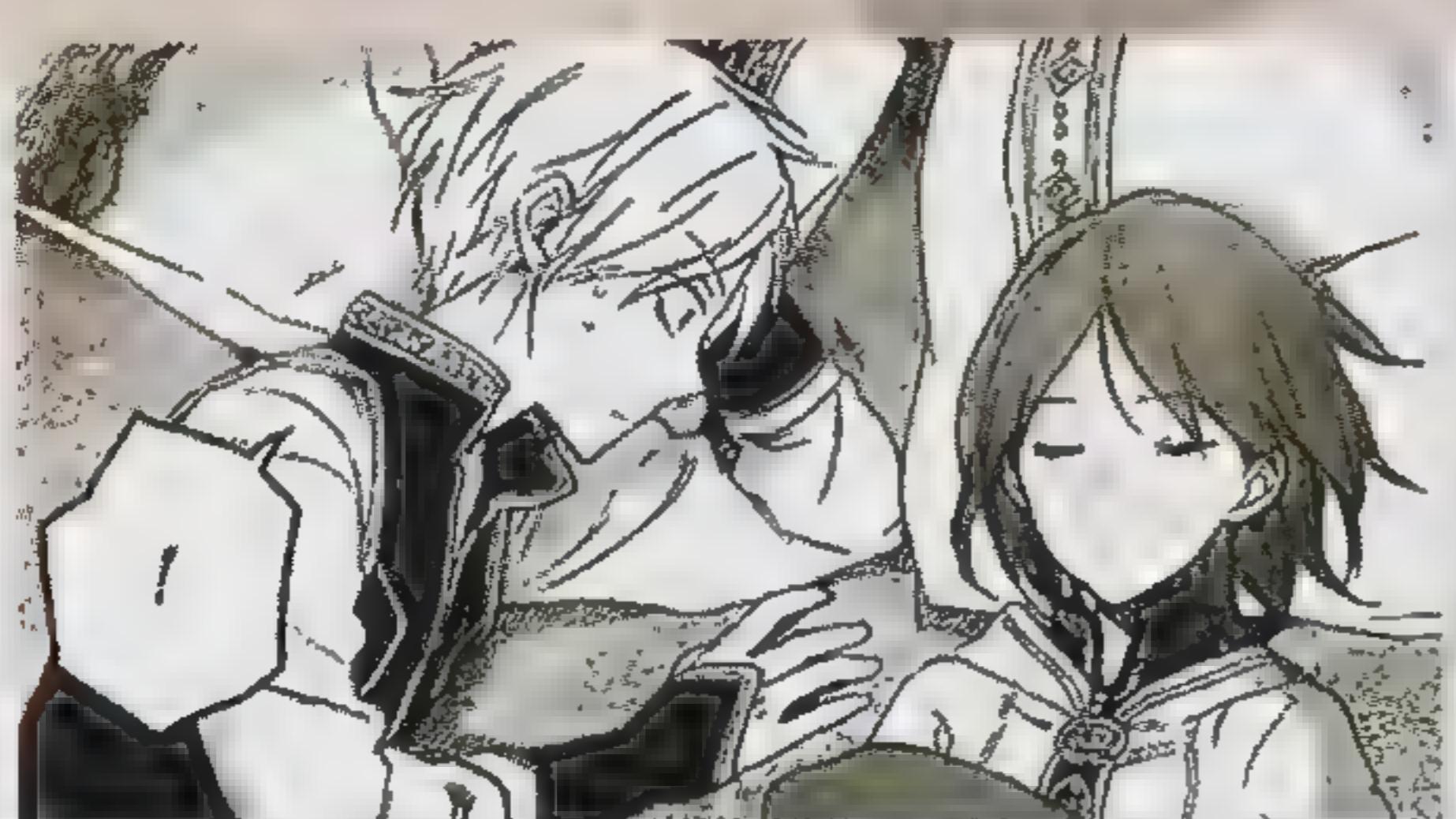
The apple-haired princess akagami no shirayukihime

In this world, red hair is very rare. A physicist in a small country gets much attention for having red hair and was one day asked to come to the palace to be the concubine of the prince. The red haired woman is named Shirayuki and after being informed about the invitation, fled the country. In the forest of the neighboring country Clarines, she meets Zen and tells him about her problem. They receive a basket of poisoned apples from the prince which Zen mistakenly ate. Shirayuki runs to the prince taking his offer to become her concubine in order to save her new friend.

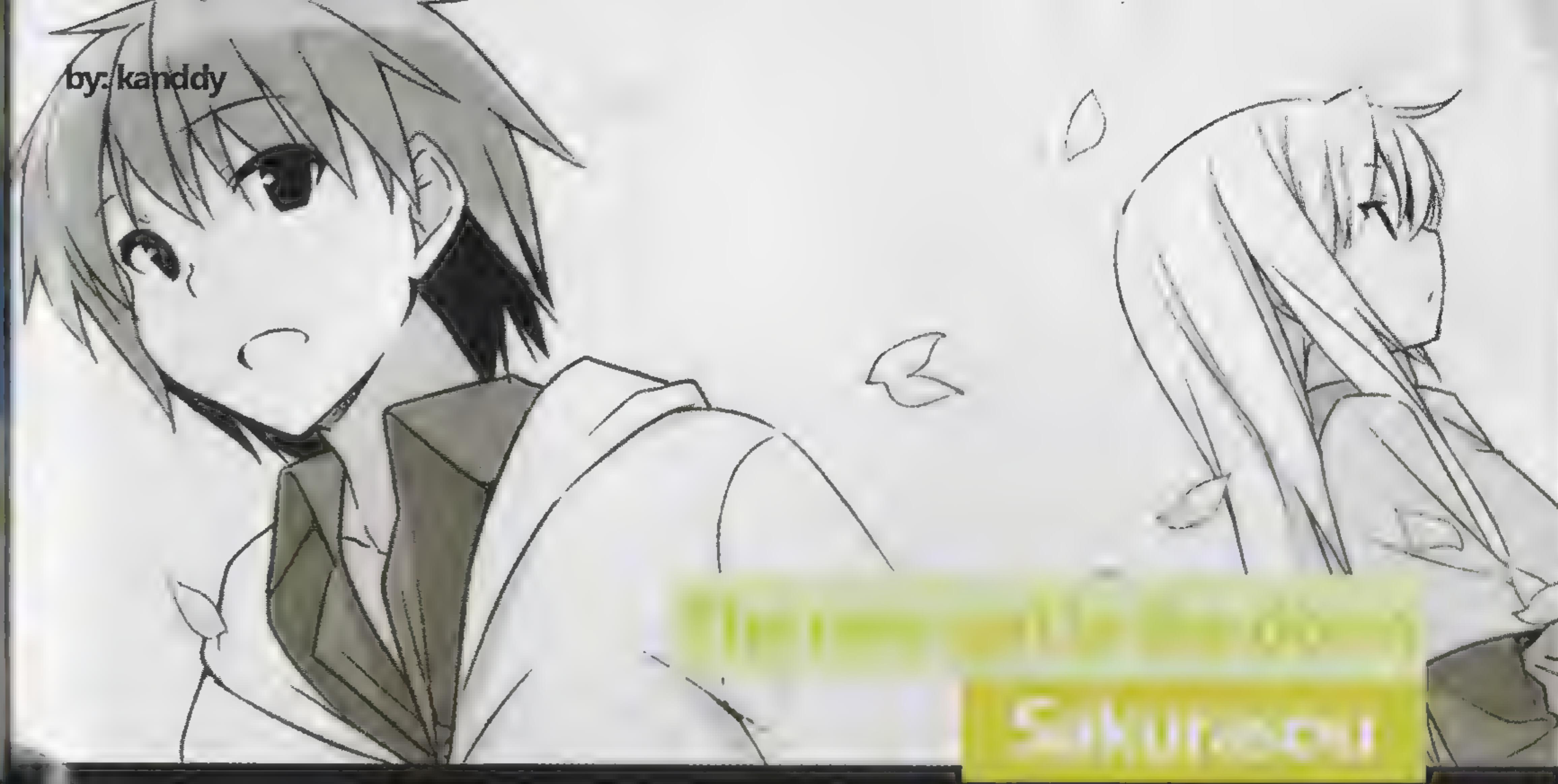


Akagami no Shirayukihime or Red-haired Snow White Princess in English is an ongoing shōjo manga by Sorata Akidzuki. Started its serialization in LALA DX but moved to Lala and published in collected volumes by Hakusensha.

The story is very nice! The art is not distracting from the story but is still pleasant to look at. The character designs are also interesting because of the variety and how their look fit their personalities. The main character is also very interesting because she's not the type who constantly needs the aid of someone to get what she wants. She is portrayed as independent and hard working. She later falls in love with Zen. Zen is also quite a character because you'd think that he is just another reliable male lead but is instead also very independent albeit worrisome of the whereabouts of Shirayuki who seems to invite excitement.



This is a manga suggested to us by an otafan and I must say, I enjoyed reading it very much that it's now also in my list of manga. An obvious retelling of the well-known fairy tale, Snow White, the manga progresses so well that I can't seem to stop reading every chapter! Thank you very much for this!



Kanda Sorata moves into a new dorm well known for the problem students residing in it. His goal: To move out as soon as possible. Not long after, he is asked to take care of a new resident, Shiina Mashiro. She is a well awarded artistic genius with no common sense and social skills. Sorata is permanently tasked to take care of her twenty hours a day during her stay in the dorm and begins learning about himself. He then starts thinking about his life choices and his self improvement.

Sakurasou no Pet na Kanojo is a drama and romantic comedy that was first a visual novel by Hajime Kamoshida in 2010. It was then made into manga illustrated by Höki Kusano that is still ongoing. An anime series was also made by Sentai Filmworks with 24 episodes.



The manga is seinen and has a bit of fanservice going on. The story from the light novel is retained. Though this is the typical boy meets girl story, the manga goes deeper into the life of the main characters. At first, Sorata is keen on moving out of the dorm but in the middle of it, he is seen considering on staying and continuing on taking care of Shiina whom has grown on him. Shiina also starts to see the world with a bigger perspective after being sheltered by her family. Even the side characters have notable character developments despite them bringing in comedy regularly in the story.

Read Sakurasou or watch the anime to be part of the dorm of problem students!

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Soaring on the Wings of Freedom

by: John Robert Lim



Last Wings of Mankind

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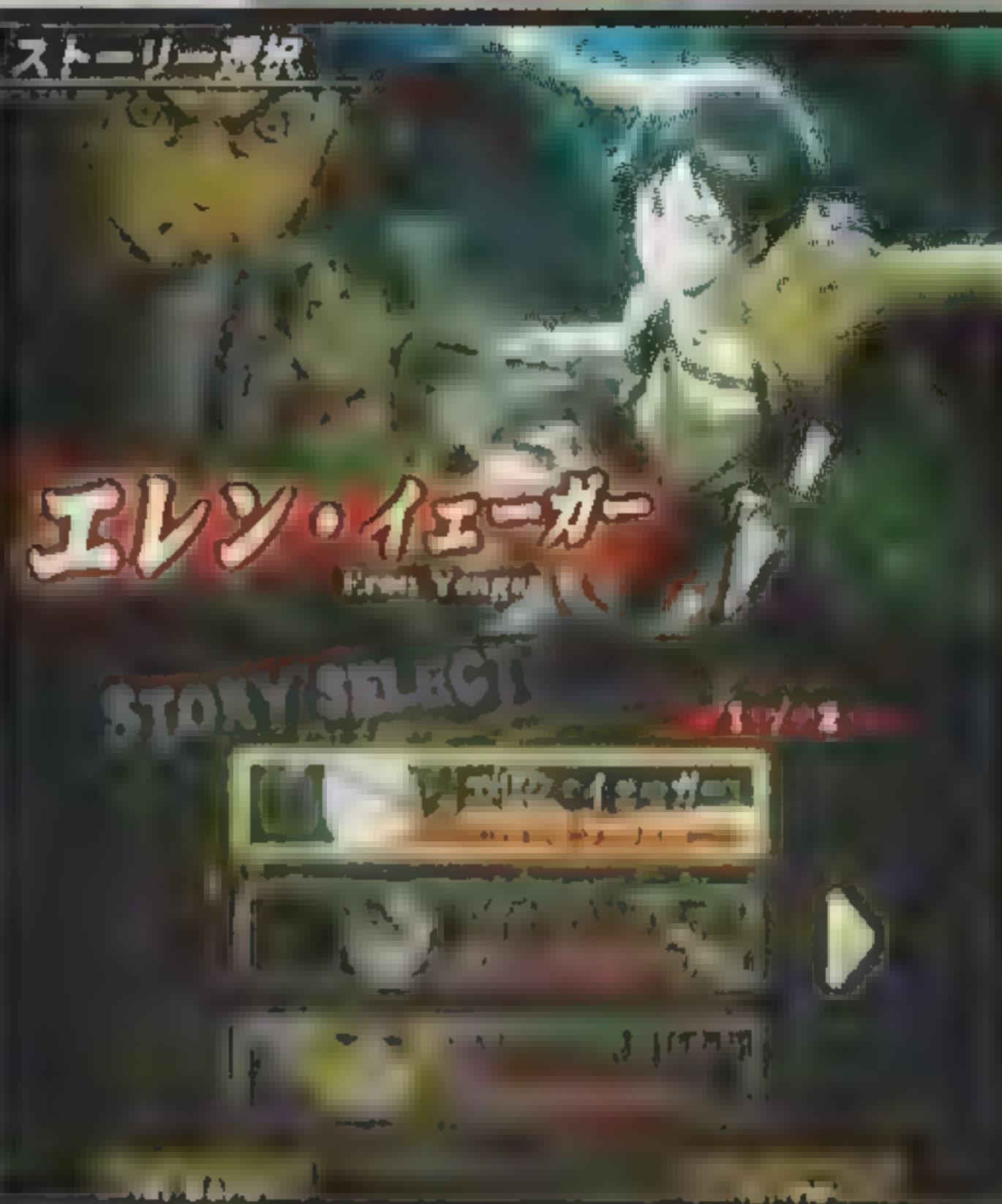
It has been a year since *Attack on Titan* (*Shingeki no Kyojin*) rocked and sent waves throughout the anime landscape. Surely, the end of the first season of the anime can't be it for a series so epic and grand.

As fans eagerly anticipate more material, including a new upcoming OVA and two movies, here's a pleasant surprise for everyone. First order of business: Pick up your 3DS and jump into the world of titan-slaying with **Attack on Titan: Last Wings of Mankind!**

For hundreds of years, humanity has been engaged in conflict with creatures called titans. Remnants of humanity have barricaded themselves within walled cities and villages for protection. This shaky protection would not last long, as titans force their way into one such town, leaving a massacre in their wake. Three children, **Eren Yeager**, **Mikasa Ackerman**, and **Armin Arlert**, survive the event. With a vengeful heart, Eren, along with the other two, joins the **Survey Corps**, the military branch dedicated to battling titans. The time for counterattack against the monsters is here, with humanity's hope being carried by the **Survey Corps**.

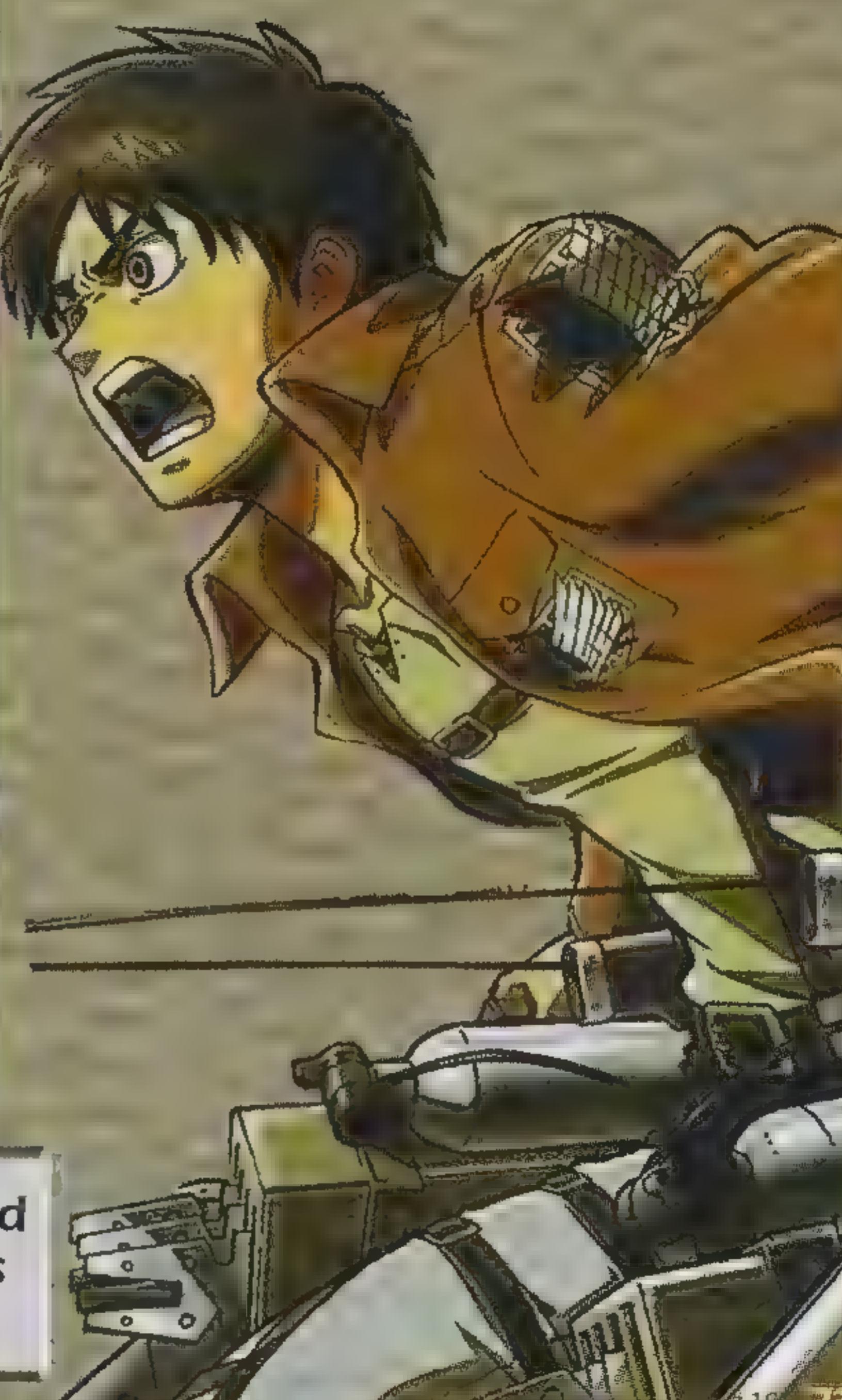
Players starting out the game will be offered the option of playing either the **main story mode**, which follows the anime plot, or a **world mode**, which is a "free play" mode composed of extra missions. The story mode, featuring **Eren**, **Mikasa**, and **Armin**, does not take too long to finish, but extra chapters starring **Levi** and **Sasha** can be unlocked through DLC.

You can thank **Spike Chunsoft**, the same team responsible for blockbusters such as *Danganronpa 2*, for this game. The game has been released in Japan on December 5, 2013. While no actual announcement has been made about a localization at the time of writing, rumors about an **Atlas** localization has been circulating. Fans will just have to keep their fingers crossed for an English translation of this thrilling game.



After taking a while to learn the controls, players will soon find themselves swinging around and cutting down the gigantic enemies. The game does shake things up by changing the gameplay every now and then depending on the setting. Overall, the game feels like a mixture of an action RPG and a timing-based rhythm game. This opens up many possibilities and new moves which will guarantee hours of dynamic gameplay. For those who prefer to go at it with friends, multiplayer options are available.

From slow-motion cuts as you dive in for the finishing blow to characters being bogged down by getting hit, visual presentation and the realism factor of the game is a definite selling point. There's definitely nothing more satisfying than being so immersed into the game due to its presentation. As the player starts getting into a rhythm with his attacks, it is no exaggeration that the game's visuals start getting him more and more into the game. Pretty soon, you'll end up experiencing the game more than just playing it.



What are you waiting for? It's time to take arms and fight for freedom! Whether you're a fan of the series or not, this is one game to put in your library.

Tactical RPG in my MMOs?!

by Reikisha



Have you played Nippon Ichi's Disgaea before? How about Nintendo's 'Fire Emblem'? Or perhaps Square Enix's 'Final Fantasy'?

Tactical role-playing games are one of the most popular game genres that promotes its players to devise a winning strategy and make critical decisions in every skirmish. Before the open world hack-and-slash role-playing games became popular in the recent years, the **Turn-Based Attack system** was used as a basis for every RPGs developed since 1982. The chessboard-style turn phase used in Disgaea and Fire Emblem's grid-like map are good examples of a turn-based attack system variation that made the game feel unique and interesting for the players.

Now, can you imagine yourself playing a tactical RPG with your friends online? No? Well then, allow me to inform you about the existence of WAKFU!

WAKFU is a tactical turn-based MMORPG developed by **Ankama Games** for the PC, Mac OS and Linux on February 2012 with Square Enix and Ankama Games as the publisher for North America, Europe and Asia respectively. WAKFU is a transmedia experience comprising an animated series, online and console video games, and comic books.

GAMEPLAY



WAKFU's uses the **turn-based attack system** used in games like Disgaea and Final Fantasy Tactics, making it the very first MMO game that emulates the thrill of tactical RPGs. Players can choose one out of 15 playable classes that suits their playstyle.

Each class has access to a total of 25 spells: three elemental categories of five spells each, one category of five special actions and one category of five special spells.



CRA
They are proud Archers that specialize in long-ranged combat.



ENUTROF
A race of gold rushers that only cares about the gold mine waiting to be discovered.



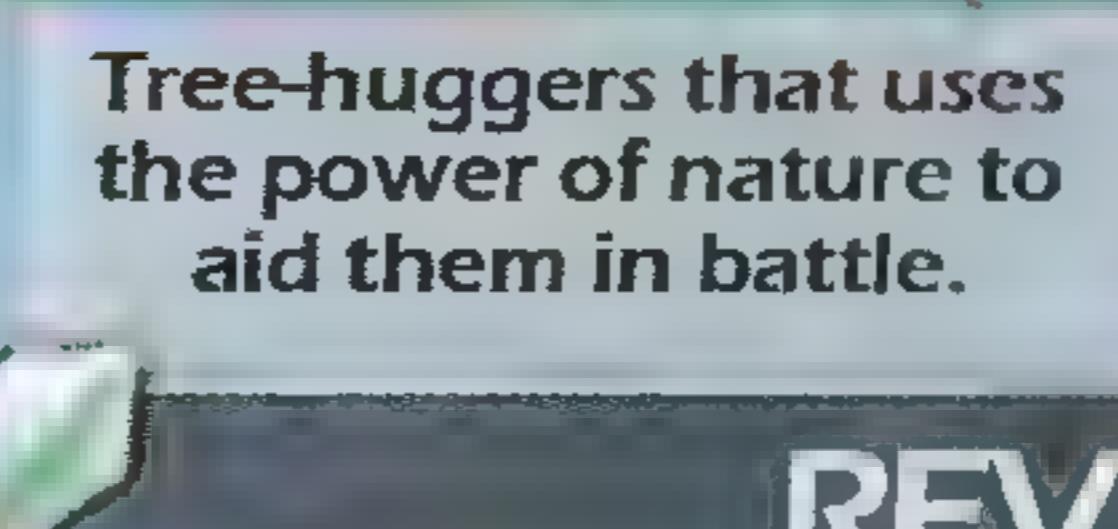
IOP
Courageous and formidable warriors that let their actions speak for themselves.



PANDAWA
Andromorphed pandas with great love for their fermented Bamboo.



SADIDA
Tree-huggers that uses the power of nature to aid them in battle.



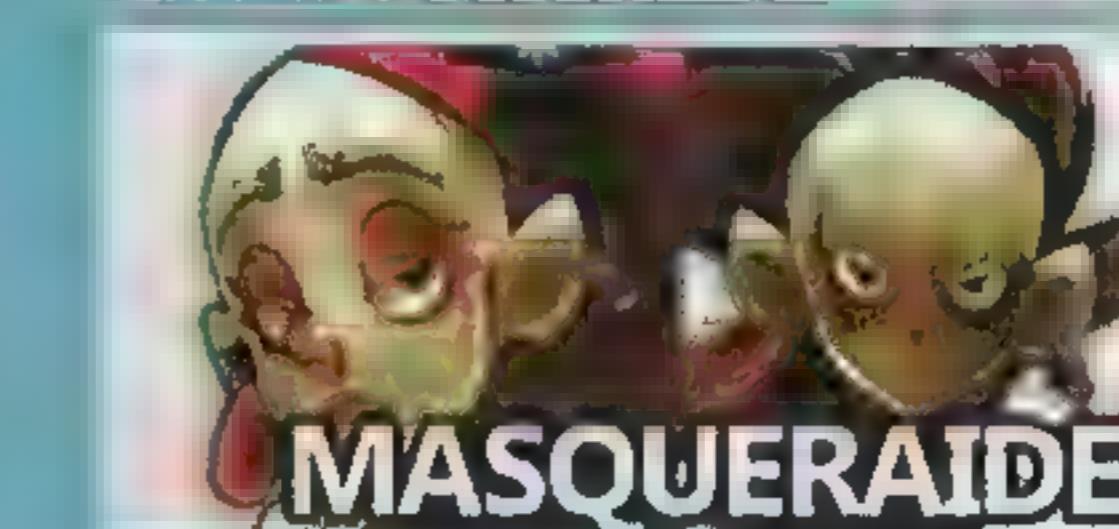
SRAM
Stealthy fighters that strikes their enemies before knowing what killed them.



ECAFLIP
Gamblers that relies on luck and their trusty cards in battle.



FECA
You are safe with them around because their shields can take a lot of beating.



FOGGERNAUT
Metalheads with a knack for psychological warfare and sabotage.



OSAMODAS
Blue-skinned animal summoners who loves all beasts in the World of Twelve more than anyone.



SACRIER
They like it when they feel pain, and then uses it as a source of their power.



XELOR
Clockwork-esqued beings capable of manipulating time.

REVIEW

Each adventure is an original creation which can be lived separately, although exploring the brand through multiple media delivers a richer experience. WAKFU transports its fans into the same magical, humorous universe as DOFUS, whilst adding notions of ecology and citizenship. What makes WAKFU interesting is that there are so many things you can do for an online game that uses a turn-based attack system such as participating in politics and leveling up your profession level by crafting or gathering items.

WAKFU is sure to give its players a wonderful experience in the World of Twelve with classic TRPG battle system, colorful visuals and community events that will surely get them hooked by the moment they first login. This is the kind of MMORPG you'd love to play for hours!

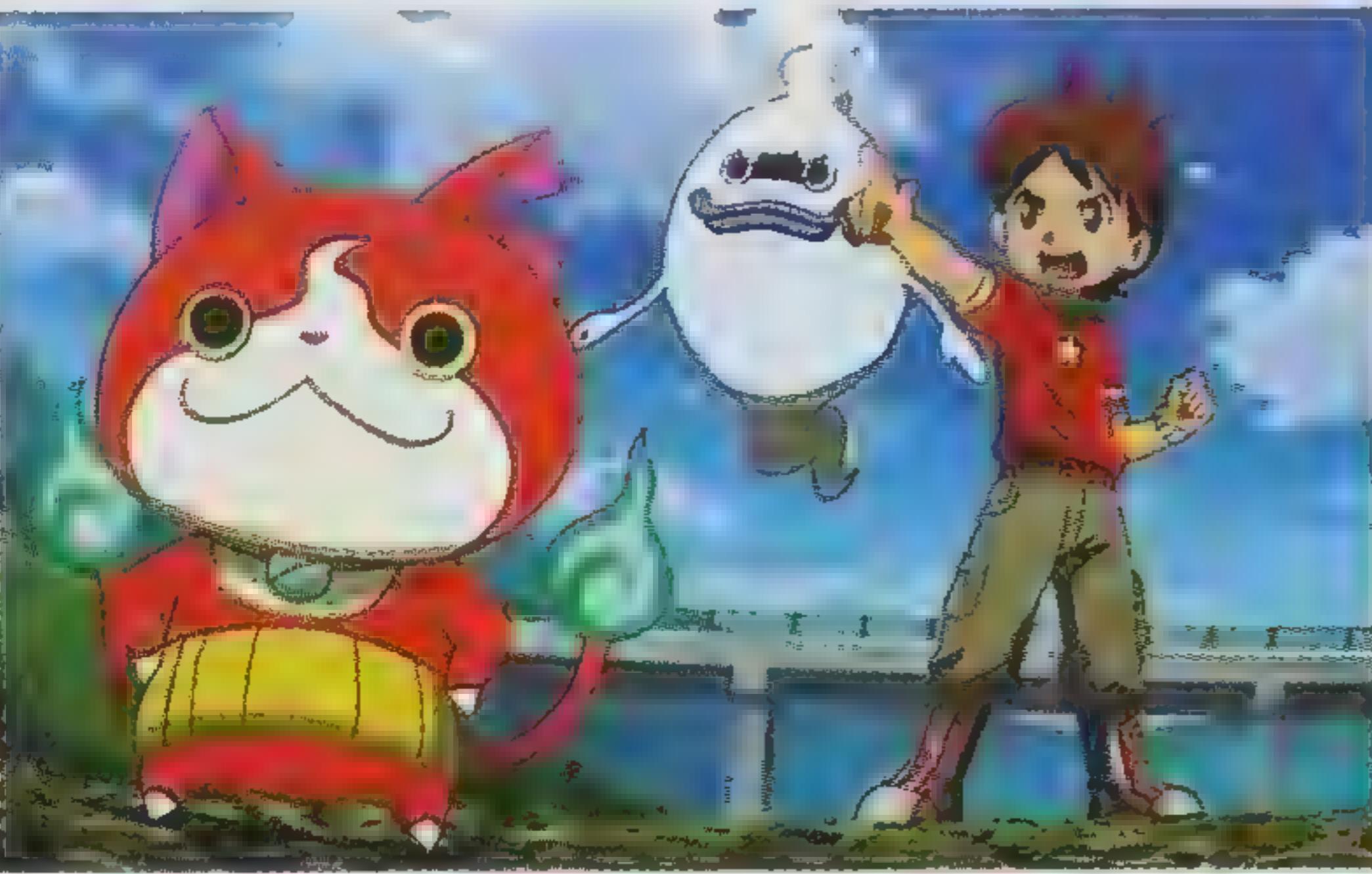


HOT ANIME

Yokai Watch

by: James

If there's something weird, who you gonna call? **Keita Amano**. Who? Keita Amano. You haven't heard of him? He's becoming a big shot in the world of ghosts as of late, helping both people and ghosts with their problems...most of the time with each other. Watch him reach out to ghosts and explore their world in **Yokai Watch**.



Based on the eponymous Nintendo 3DS game by **Level 5**, the show, which was produced by **OLM**, revolves around **Keita Amano**, an ordinary kid who just wanted to catch insects. One day, after his friends teased him for catching an ordinary-sized beetle, he wanders off into the woods and finds a gachapon machine near a tree. Because he heard a creepy voice urging him to drop a coin and open the machine, he did. By doing this, he meets **Whisper**, a yokai – a ghost – who tells him about the world of ghosts and gives Keita a watch that allows him to see other yokai. With a brave, exciting, and a tad bit spooky new world to see, Keita decides to go out there, see it and its inhabitants for himself, and give them a helping hand.

Being an anime aimed at children, the color theme is bright and the art is cutesy, giving it a lighthearted tone. And rightly so, for the tone of the show is lighthearted as well, since it involves heartwarming feelings of friendship of yokai with Keita and other humans. However, just because it's mostly aimed at kids doesn't mean older kids around sixteen above will not like it. After all, it does have quirky dialogue that even adults would find relatable and funny.



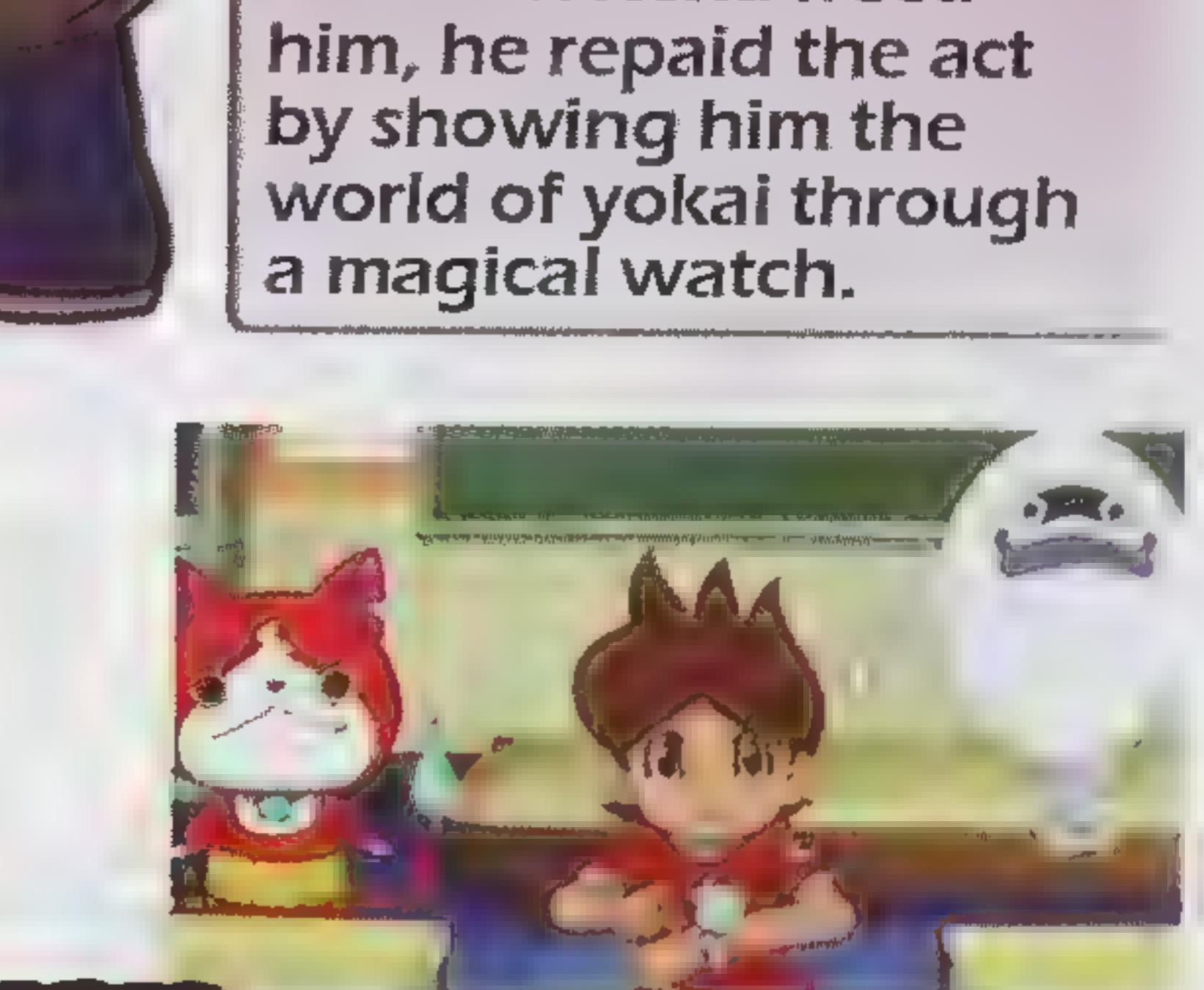
So, if you're a kid or a kid at heart that's into an anime that is sure to give you warm and fuzzy feelings deep inside and a few good laughs to boot, **Yokai Watch** is, well...one to watch.

Meet The Gang



Keita Amano

Unlike most kids of today who prefers playing with tablets, Keita would rather catch bugs instead. Unfortunately, he's not very good at it. So when he gets teased by his friends, he wanders deep into the forest and discovers a gachapon machine that has kept the yokai **Whisper** for so long. Upon setting the yokai free, his adventurous life full of fun, friendship, and excitement begins.



Jibanyan

Cats have nine lives, except Jibanyan, because he's already dead. After Keita meets him in a crossing, they have become friends, making this cute little feline tag along wherever our hero goes.



It is difficult to make an enemy of your own kind, or so they say. For you to win, you have to act differently from your usual self because it is as if you are facing a mirror. The Sniper from Another Dimension is a perfect depiction of what it's like to be betrayed by your own kind and getting up again with a kind of revenge no one expects.

The movie begins with a stunning view of the 635-meter Bell Tree Tower, the newest building built by the Suzuki Financial Group. With Sonoko's influence no less, Conan and the rest of the gang gets a first-class view after the opening ceremony. While the kids are having fun

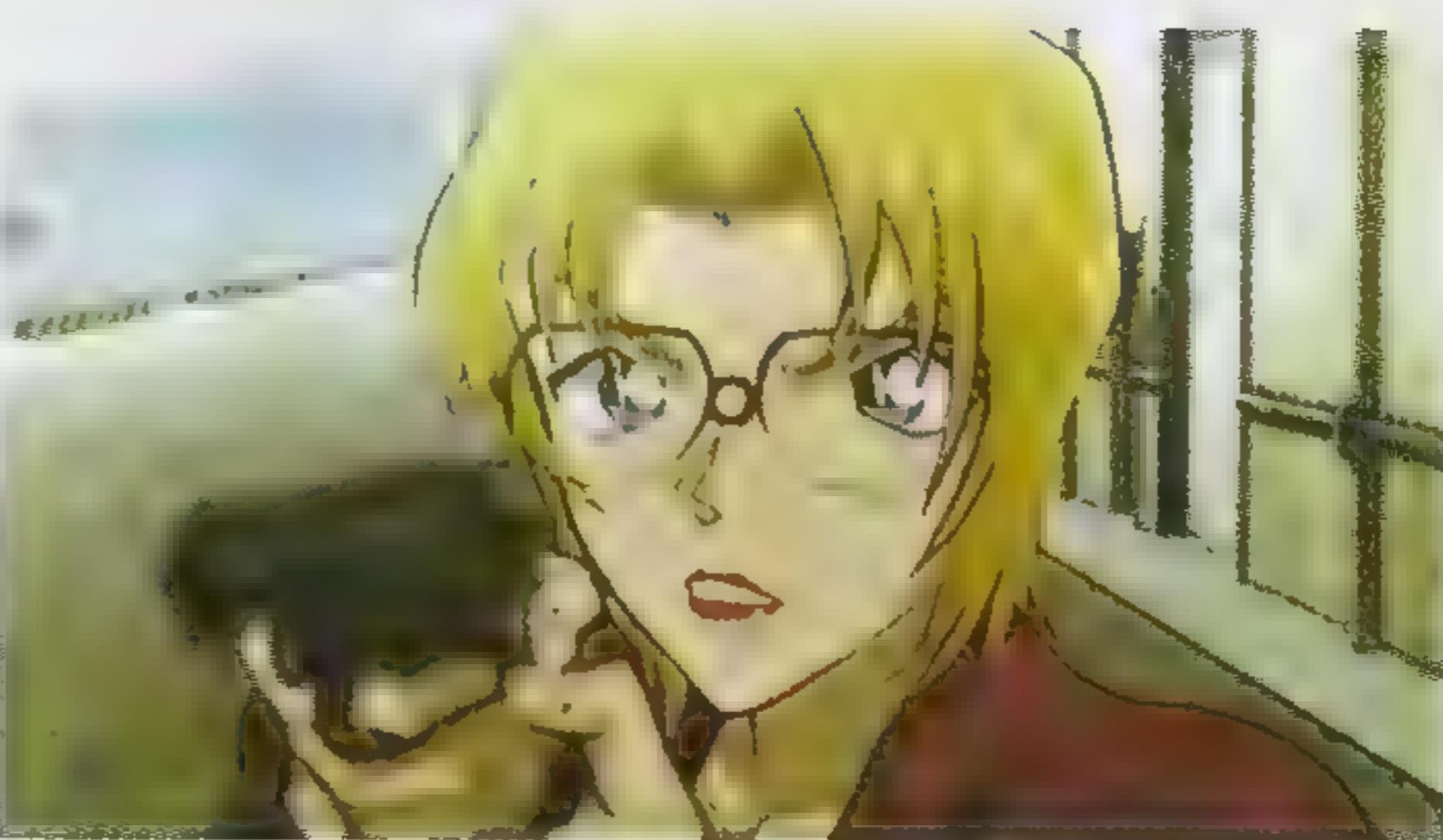
the tallest buildings, the observant Conan notices a suspicious middle-aged man who speaks in English and appears to be negotiating with some of his real estate clients. Conan then notices something from the other building, and in a while the English-speaking man dies of a gunshot. Conan concedes that this has been the work of a sniper. To add up to this mysterious case, a blue dice and an empty rifle bag are found in the area where Conan spotted the sniper. Will they be able to nail the culprit given the confusing clues? The string of events may be likened to the Bell Tree Tower's altitude, and the betrayal it rooted from is deeply reflective.



Case Closed: Dimensional Sniper was based on Gosho Aoyama-sensei's Case Closed. It was released in April 2014 in Japan as distributed by Toho, and was also shown here in the Philippines last October 2014 in SM cinemas. Another intense movie from the series of Case Closed films, Dimensional Sniper or also known as The Sniper from Another Dimension is an extremely quick-paced detective film, requiring the full attention of the viewer. If you want to practice your thinking process and focus, then this is it.



Unlike in other films of the Case Closed series where there is more focus either on the investigation part or the action part, this particular movie considers thorough analysis and extreme action of equal importance. As apparent in the involvement of FBI in this case, everyone is literally moving around and the process of investigating each suspect has been shown profoundly. From the process of relating every relevant incident in the past to each of their suspects, The Sniper from Another Dimension is too real a detective scenario.



The realism is very well portrayed. It would then excite you to know who the culprit among all of their suspects is. Hence, although Conan gets to the clues first and encounters the culprit almost face-to-face, he does not solve the mystery alone because of the collaborative efforts of the FBI, the Japanese police, and "private detectives. This is quite different from the approach of other Case Closed films.



Basing on that fact, The Sniper from Another Dimension requires a little knowledge about the latest manga chapters or anime episodes because of some of the characters. Masumi Sera and Subaru Okiya's backgrounds were not clear when they were first introduced in this movie. For first-time viewers, this might cause some confusion. For one to get to know them they would have to continue on with the manga. In a way, it is fun to know more characters other than the usual Ran, Conan, Sonoko, Kogoro, Professor Agasa and Detective Boys tandem.



While this movie is not for everyone who simply wants to see another Detective Conan film, it may spark your interest in reading the manga to know more about this case. Still, Dimensional Sniper won't fail to give you the usual Shinichi Kudo thinking process. It has always been brilliant, and his skills just shine every time.



SEIYUU'S MIC

OtaFans, Welcome to the First ever Seiyuu's Mic Segment!~

written by: Nathaniel



As avid anime enthusiasts, you've probably heard some familiar voices in 9 out of 10 shows you've watched every year. There are times that you challenge yourself by guessing who is voicing which character after listening to the voices for the duration of the show. What's also surprising is that they're also working as singers!

In this issue, our featured seiyuu has made her debut as a voice actress and singer after she was chosen out of 2,000 people from the "Gonna be a star" auditions for the lead role in *Le Portrait de Petit Cossette*. She is also popular for her roles as Tohka Yatogami from *Date A Live*, Armin Arlet from *Shingeki no Kyojin* and Yoko Littner from *Tengen Toppa Guren Lagann*.

MARINA INOUE

Name: Marina Inoue

Age: 29

Birthdate: January 20, 1985

Hometown: Tokyo, Japan

Blood type: AB

Affiliations: Aniplex Inc.,
Sigma Seven

Career Status: Active (2004 –
Present)

Cossette was Marina Inoue's first step into becoming one of the seiyuus to be recognized by both fans and non-fans after they heard her outstanding voice range. She has a total of 88 anime roles, 28 video game roles and 25 song albums as of 2014. Unlike most seiyuus who were known for portraying characters from a specific archetype, Marina's roles can be any of the three: stern-looking, childish and androgynous male characters.

SOME CHARACTERS SHE VOICED:



Yoko Littner

(*Tengen Toppa Guren Lagann*)



Yatogami Tohka

(*Date A Live*)



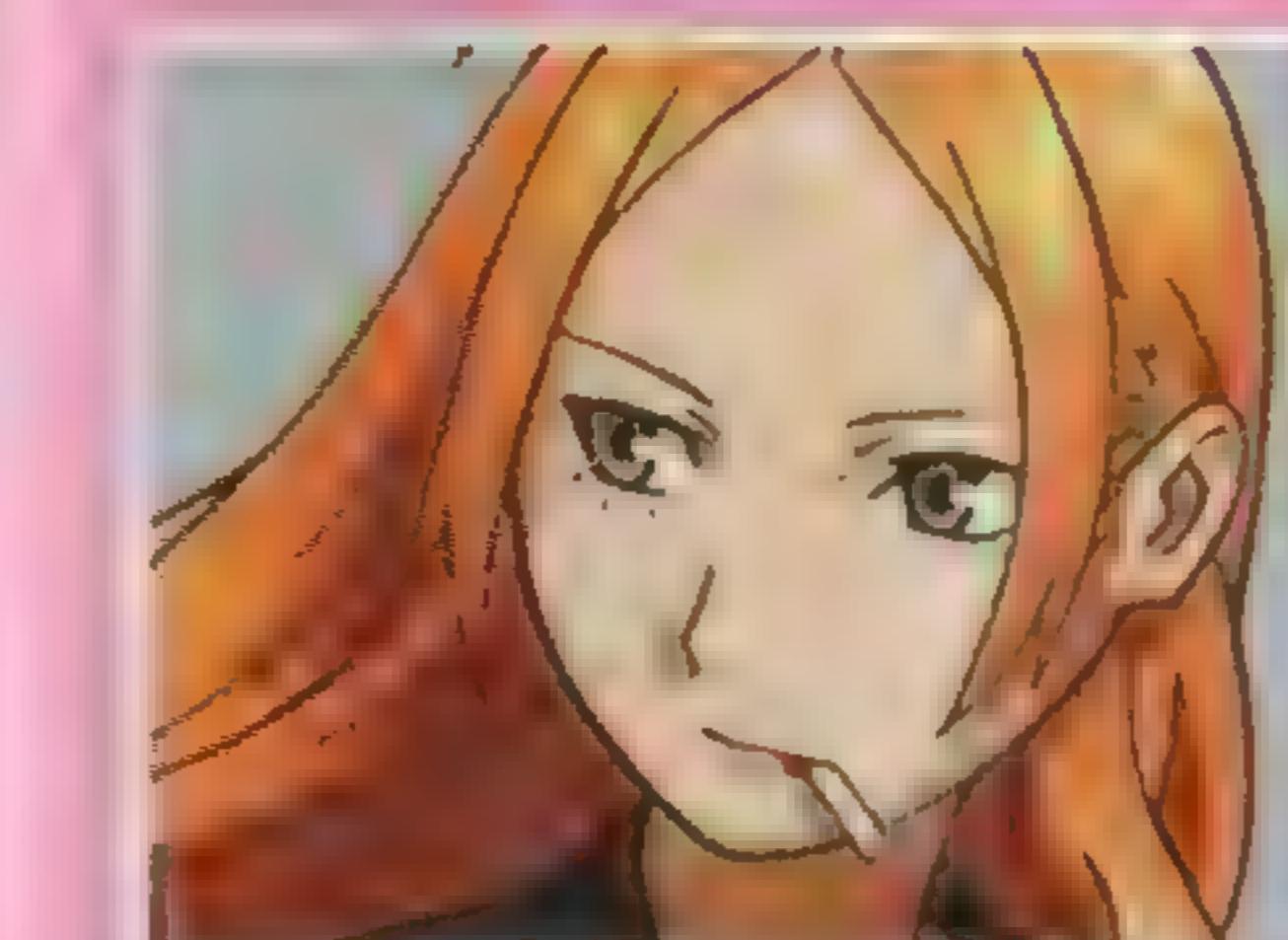
Armin Arlet

(*Attack on Titan*)



Natsuru Senou

(*Kampfer*)



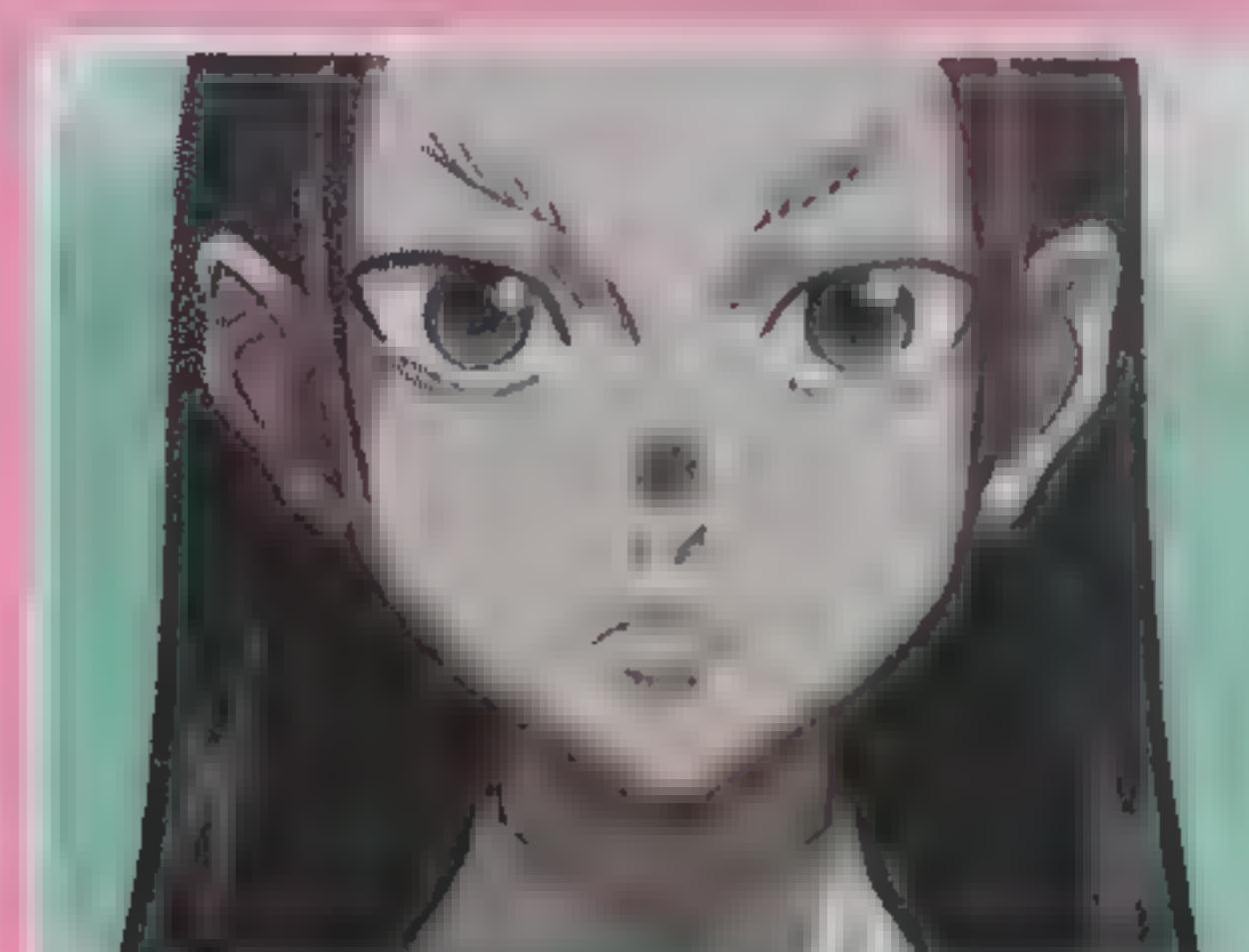
Yozora Mikazuki

(*Haganai/Boku ga tomodachi ga sukunai*)



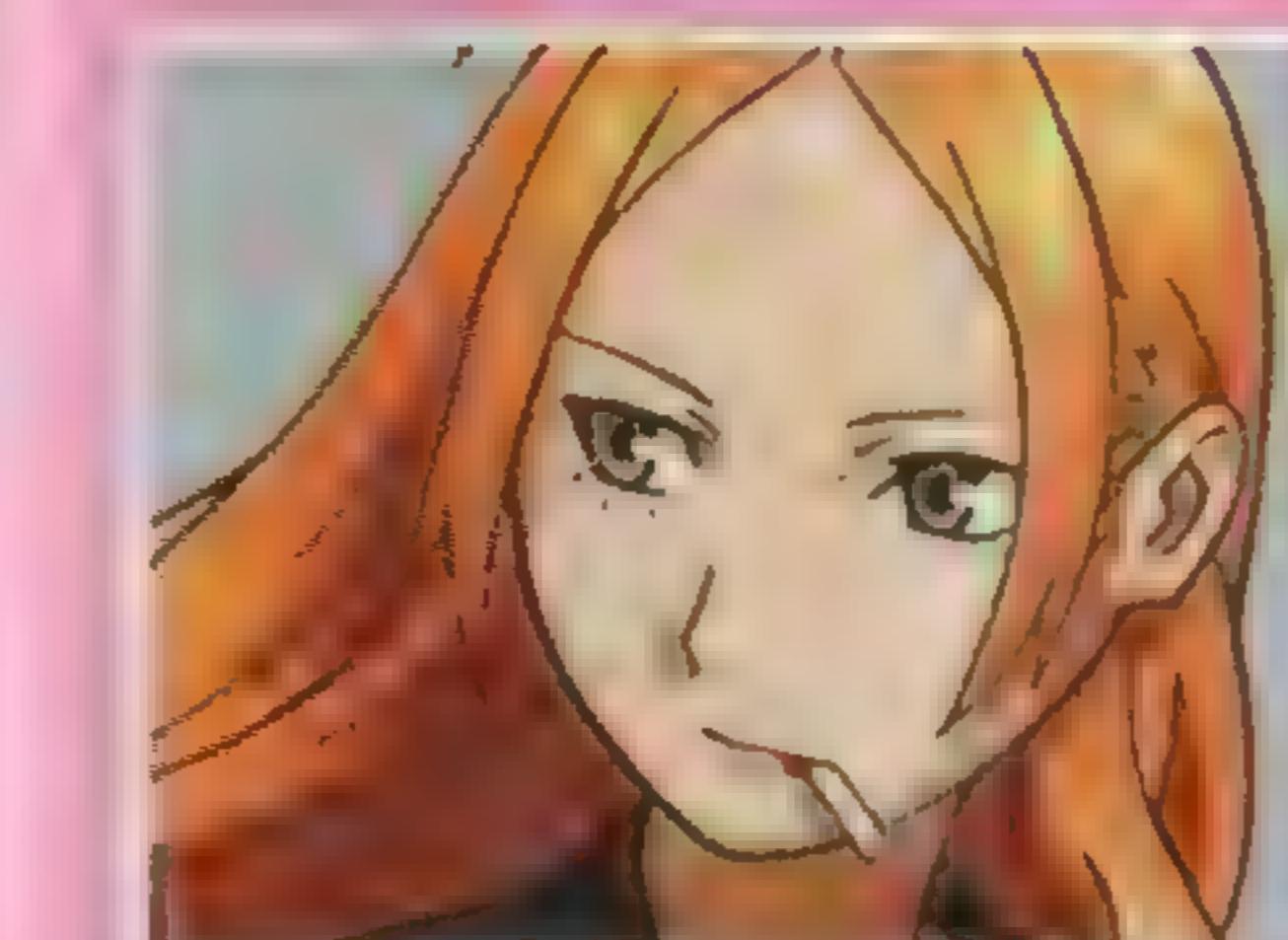
Rei Miyamoto

(*High school of the Dead*)



Quinn Erari

(*Wizard Barristers: Benmashi Cecil*)



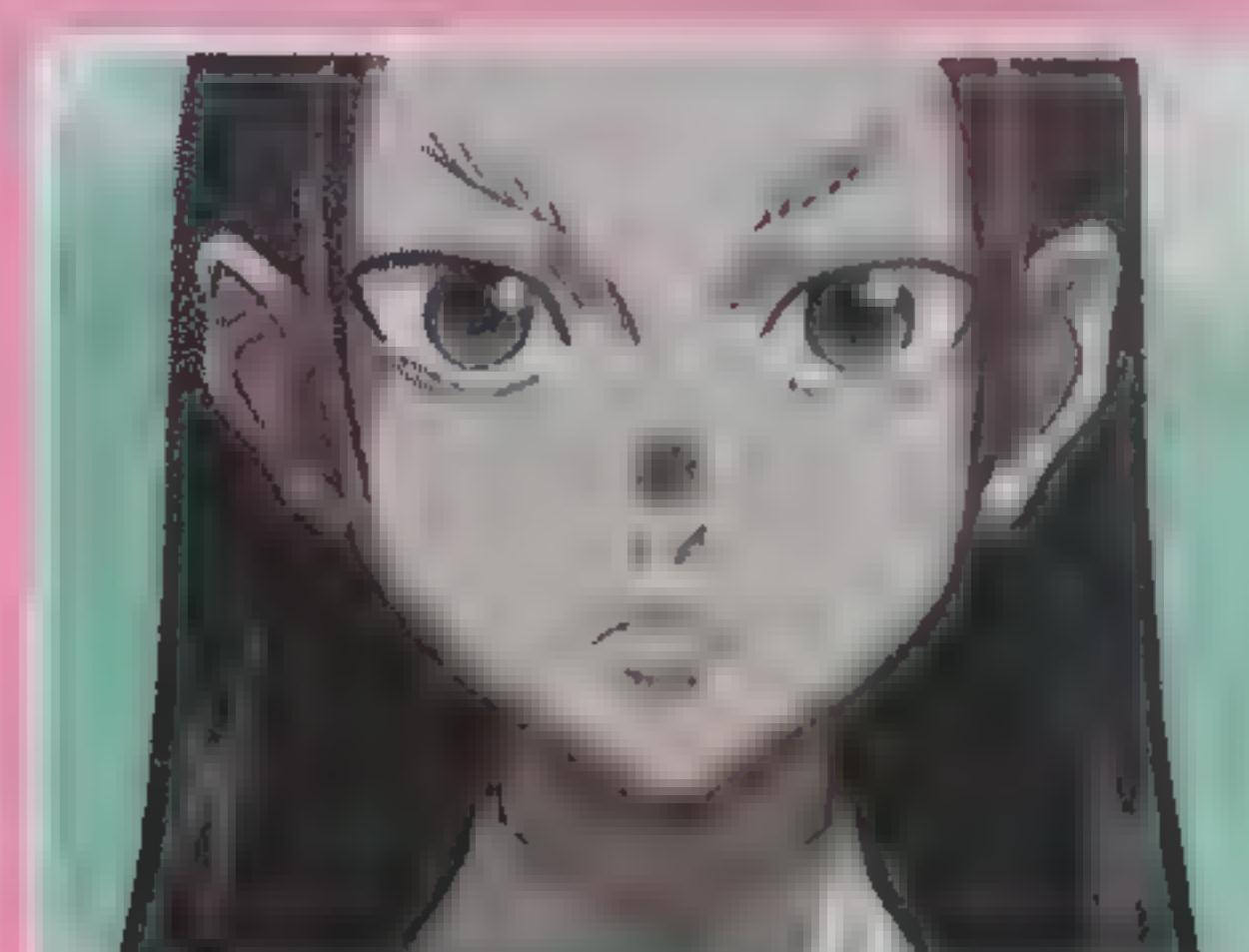
Anessa Rossetti

(*Buddy Complex*)



Amane

(*Hunter x Hunter*)





MOVIE REEL

by Rhaine



あなたのこと�이 大すき。

*Are you a real
person?
You look like a
girl from my
dreams!*



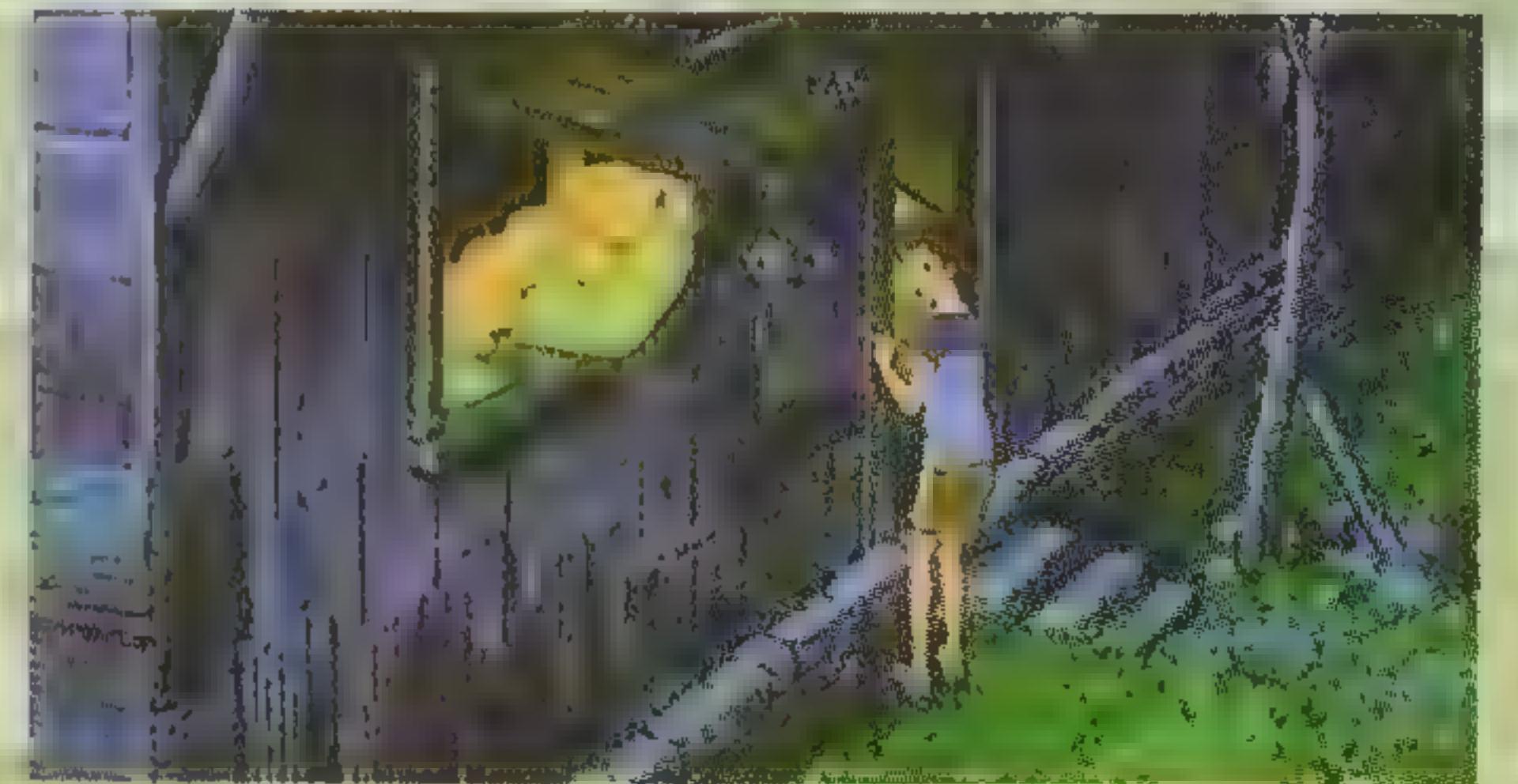
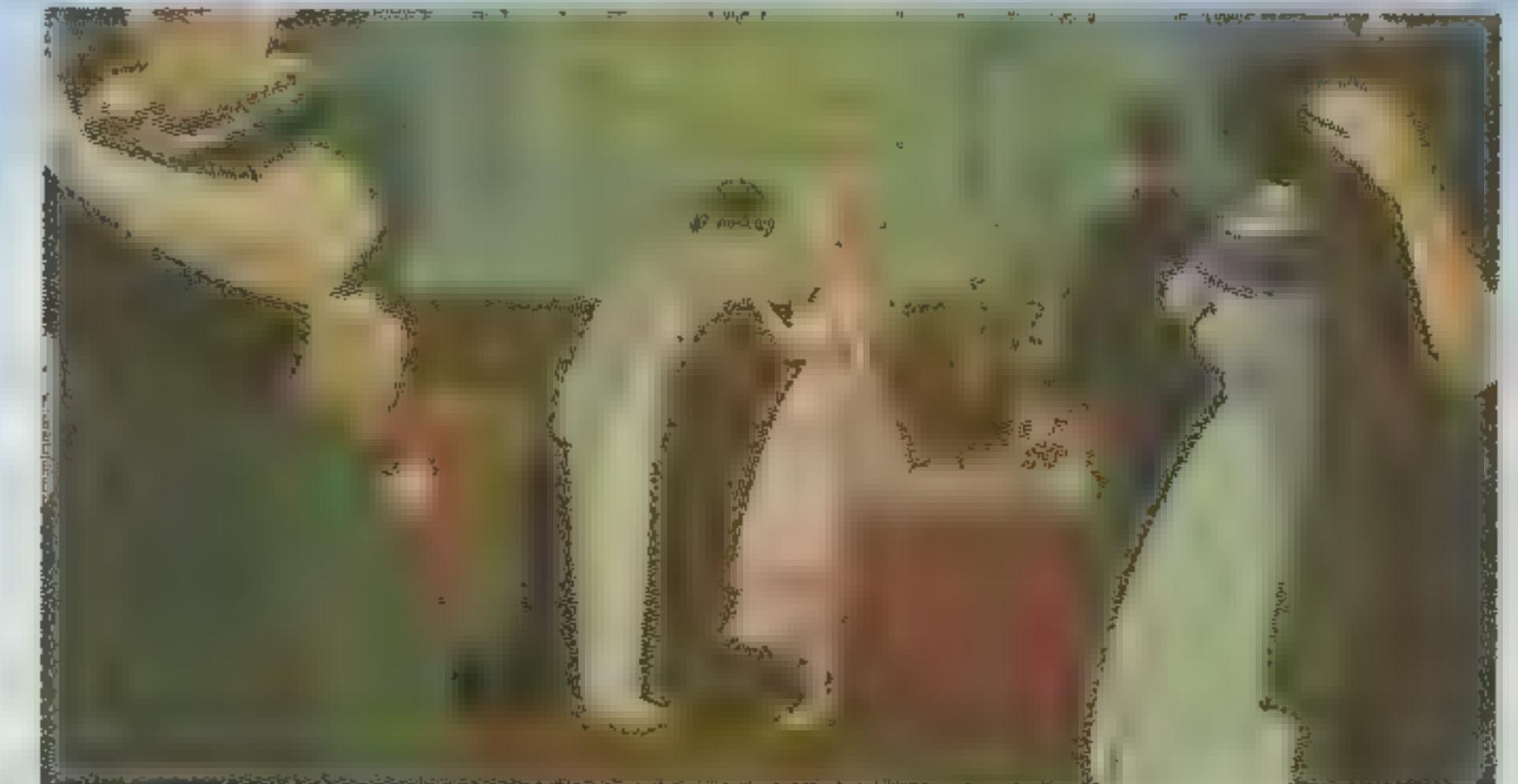
Studio Ghibli featured their latest and perhaps their last animation film "When Marnie was there (Omoide no Marnie)", an adaptation from Joan G. Robinson's novel. Directed by Hiromasa Yonebayashi, the final film was released last July 2014, a year after they announced that the film division is taking a short hiatus after The Tale of Princess Kaguya, and the retirement of Hayao Miyazaki. Together with Dentsu, Hakuhodo DY Media Partners, KDDI, Mitsubishi, Nippon Television Network, Toho, Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures Japan as Production partners, the 103-minute film promises an outstanding animation. Of course, that is already given with Studio Ghibli's name.

A beautiful animated tale that tells about a deep friendship of two 12-year-old girls. Anna (Sara Takatsuki), an Introvert and a tomboyish schoolgirl went to Hokkaido to spend her summer at her aunt's house. With her love of sketching, she was drawn to an abandoned house on the other side of their cove. It was there she met the mysterious Marnie (Kasumi Arimura), a doll-like girl with long blonde curls and old-fashioned dresses. With the two of them almost polar opposites, an unlikely friendship slowly sparked up between them.

The art style stays superb coming from a Ghibli production. With its fluid animation and astonishing effects, the film plays with levels of realism in its visuals as well. Accompanying all the action is the glowing orchestral score, which really oversteps a lot of sequences like in which the two protagonists have a serious heart-to-heart in the forest.

Like most of Ghibli's films, the story doesn't have any evil villains, though that doesn't mean everyone in the film is on their good side. It is unclear in the beginning whether Marnie is an actual human being or just a figment of Anna's dreams or imagination. The development in the story might be a bit fast for the younger audience to understand, like who Marnie really was and a lot of the backstory that should explain her connection to everyone in the story. Despite those, the film remains one of Ghibli's wonderful masterpieces.

Keeping promises to your bestfriend means a lot to your friendship. For those who wants to see a refreshing yet deep story about how important friends are, then this movie is a definite must-watch for you.



オリジナルTVアニメーション

SHIRO BAKO

HOT ANIME
written by Ann

Donut Craze

What brightens up your day? For me, it's got to be sweets. But some might not like sweets or food at all to reward them after a hard day at work. Still, there are some who find delight in donuts just like Aoi Miyamori!

Aoi Miyamori
Production Assistant
Musashino Animation

Ema Toudou
Key Animator
Musashino Animation

Shizuka Sakaki
Voice Actress
Akaoni Production

Misa Toudou
3D Computer
Graphics Operator
Computer Graphics
Studio Super Media
Creations

Midori Imai
University Student/
Aspiring Scriptwriter

What brightens up your day? For me, it's got to be sweets. But some might not like sweets or food at all to reward them after a hard day at work. Still, there are some who find delight in donuts just like Aoi Miyamori!

The animation itself attests to the skills and efforts that the characters push for their own animé production. Meanwhile, the opening and ending themes match the vibrant energy of the animé, urging one to hope for the best and reach for their dreams.

While *moe* and reality are blurred in *Shirobako*, it creates a noteworthy feel that readers can relate to because a lot of otakus think that anything involving their passion, being *animé*, is easy as pie. *Shirobako* proves that although it's not always a sweet ending, there's that sweet honey one can savour after the amount of effort one gives for their work.

So, take home a sweet slice of life with *Shirobako* and end each day with a smile!



MOVIE REEL



THAT BUTLER, BURIAL

KUROSHITSUJI: BOOK OF MURDER

With the announcement of the television series, *Kuroshitsuji: Book of Circus*, a two-part original video anime was in production.

A couple of years ago, commoner Arthur Conan Doyle, an eye doctor and a part-time writer has received a letter of invitation to a party at the Phantomhive Manor. It was when his life made a full 180 degree turn to the unexpected. Only now does he find the courage to write about the horrible events that occurred.

Kuroshitsuji: Book of Murder is a two-part OVA adaptation of the *Phantomhive Manor Murders Arc* (Chapters 38-50; Volumes 9-11). It is right after the *Noah's Ark Circus* which was earlier adapted into a television series.

The OVA was released October 25 and November 15 consecutively. The DVDs and BDs will be released January 2015.

The PVs and trailers have piqued the interest of die-hard *Kuroshitsuji* fans. Most especially after the live action movie was shown, they were very excited for what will come out next.



ARTHUR

CV: Asanuma, Shintaro

An invited guest of Ciel Phantomhive who appears to be fond of his writings.

He has a steadfast sense of justice and a cool, analytical mind. He mindlessly jots down notes on the cuffs of his clothing.



CHARLES PHIPS

CV: Tomoaki Maeno

Tall, white and cool. Code-named Double Charles with Charles Grey.

With Grey, he is a member of Queen Victoria's Private Secretarial Officers, as well as her butler.



CHARLES GREY

CV: Ryohel Kimura

Energetic and playful. Code-named Double Charles with Charles Phips.

Grey enjoys toying with his opponents. Even though he has a great zeal for fighting, he is afraid of ghosts.



The story is very much influenced by the *Sherlock Holmes* series. They even made the character named similar to the author of the books.

When you have eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth.

- Sherlock Holmes

Think like Sherlock and think like Ciel, could you tell who the murderer is?

Solve the case!



SOMA

CV: Shinnosuke Tachibana

Prince Soma Asman Kadar is the teenage Indian prince of Bengal.

Naive and childish, Soma is a guest of the Phantomhive household and lives on Ciel's London Townhouse.



LAU

CV: Koji Yusa

A Chinese nobleman, leader of an opium den and "Kong-Rong"

Easy-going and carefree, Lau is the Aristocrat of Evil and also a close contact of Ciel and Sebastian.



RAN-MAO

CV: Sayuri Yahagi

Despite what Lau says, Ran-Mao is not related to him.

Cold, emotionless but deeply loyal, Lau's personal assassin can use her skills against any target.

**BITZ**

The Future is Coming



Real Life Android – Asuna

The technologies we have nowadays are currently and continuously evolving. We can see changes in gadgets such as cellphones, gaming consoles, cameras and so much more. The future technology we see in movies are being studied and developed, the **Hover Board** for instance. Robots are also being developed further even reaching the looks of a real human being. We'll introduce you to the one of the most real life looking android created nowadays, **Asuna**.

Asuna that stands for **A-Lab Super Utility New Android** was featured in the recent **Tokyo Genius Expo**. Previously called **Tokyo Design Week**, Tokyo Genius Expo started in 2005 and is an event wherein people from all over the world showcase what the human race can achieve.

Android Asuna is designed by **A-Lab Co. Ltd** of Japan, and created by Japanese Inventor Hiroshi Ishiguro. Asuna's features are made to look like what one will see in a real person. She has personality and is capable of talking to people and also can make facial expressions. She also has the ability to share her background story and to make and respond to events. With her surreal likeness to a human being, A-Lab hopes that people be attracted to her and her fellow androids and not to be scared by them.



There are plenty more of androids being developed nowadays and they have varied functions as well. With our advancing technology today, the robots we see in anime such as **Gundams**, **Astro Boy** and **Android 18** could be something possible to be accomplished in the near future.

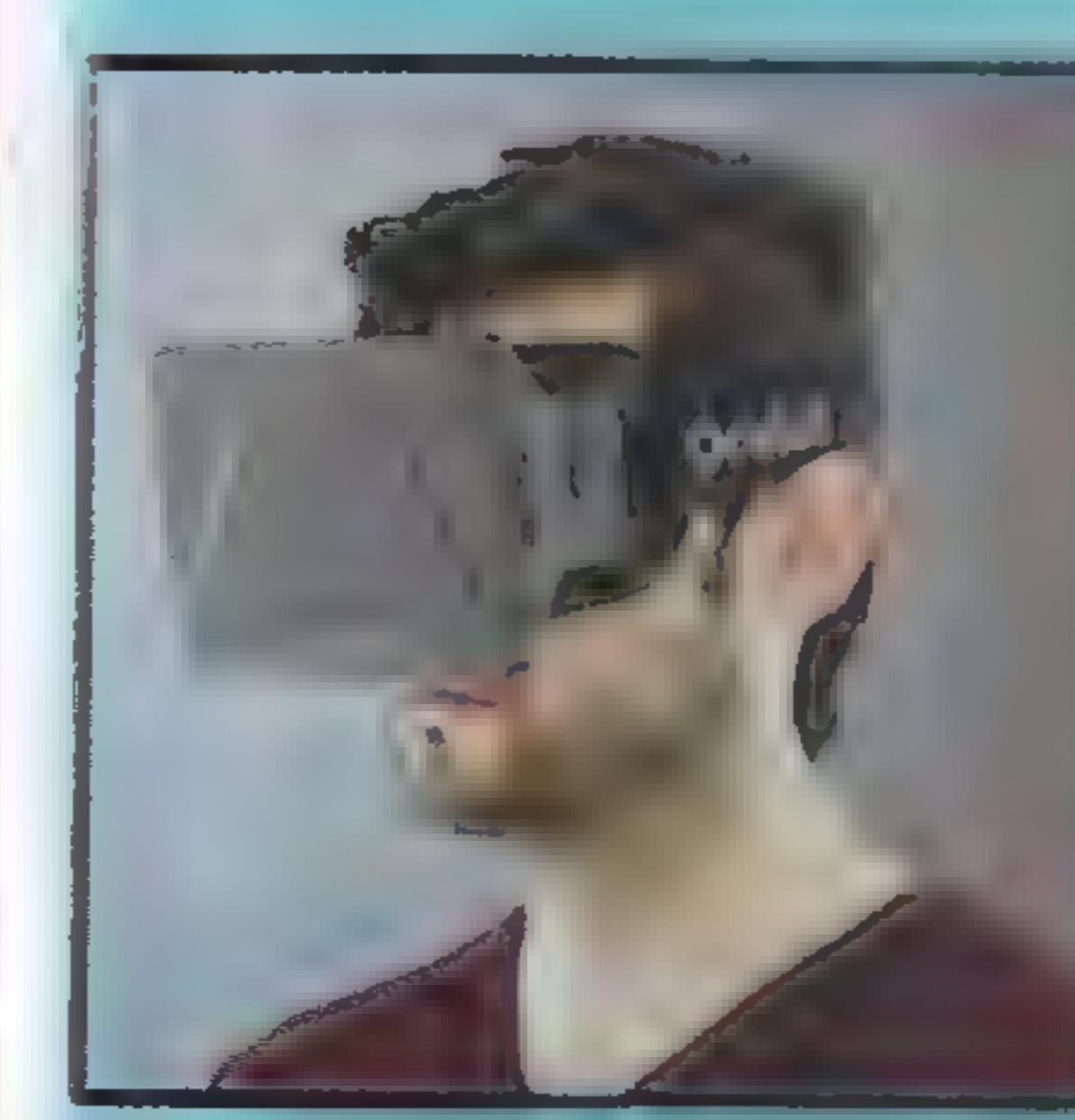
Stepping in the Virtual Reality



Oculus Rift

We've seen lots of shows wherein characters play and see the game with their own eyes. In the past, we only hoped for it to happen but nowadays with the current innovation, immersive virtual reality will happen through the **Oculus Rift**.

Oculus Rift is the first product, still in development, made by previously independent company, **Oculus VR**. Oculus VR is formed when one of its founders, **Palmer Luckey**, a head mounted display designer in California, developed the idea of creating a more effective head-mounted display and at the same time wallet-friendly gear for gamers. With joint efforts from different people, a prototype of the Oculus Rift had its demonstration back at the **2012 Electronic Entertainment Expo (E3)**, following a Kickstarter campaign to help further develop the product. With lots of people wanted the Rift to happen, Oculus VR gathered more than enough funds for the Rift's development. Back in March 2014, Oculus VR is acquired by Facebook.



The Oculus Rift wants to change and bring 3D gaming to a new level, wanting it to maximize immersion, comfort, fun and a price that is very affordable. Oculus VR released different versions of the Rift with every version improving, starting from the first **Development Kit** that was given to those who supported the Kickstarter campaign with a specific amount, **Crystal Cove** that includes a motion tracker, the **Development Kit 2 (DK2)** which has a higher resolution and omitted the use of the external control box and **Crescent Bay** which has a built in audio and 360-degree tracking. The consumer version which includes the developments made by the previous versions is said to be arriving sometime in 2015.

Are you ready to experience this virtual reality gear? Send your gaming experience to a whole new level with the **Oculus Rift**!



REQUESTS

WRITTEN BY iEN



Kuroshitsuji

Requested by: Jhammel M. Prada



Do you want to have your own personal servant, highly skilled, talented and very devoted, he's someone you would want to hire. If you need to pay your soul to him, would you still hire him?

Kuroshitsuji (Black Butler) follows the story of Ciel Phantomhive, the current head of the Phantomhive family and the owner of **Funtom**, a toy manufacturing company.

At the night of his tenth birthday, multiple bad events happened to Ciel's life. Their manor is burned down, his parents were killed and he is kidnapped and tortured by a mysterious organization.

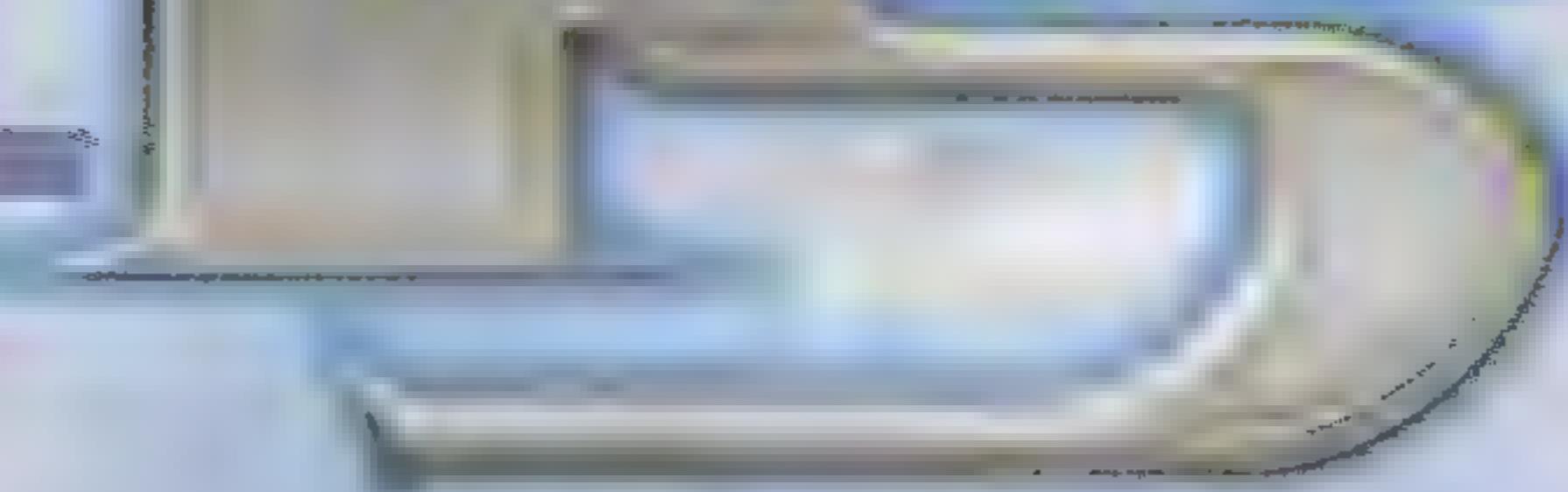
Ciel, seeking revenge, then formed a contract with a demon who disguised himself as a butler named **Sebastian Michaelis**. After all Ciel's tasks to seek revenge and to unravel the mysteries are done, Sebastian will be allowed to consume his soul. Ciel also serves as the Queen's Watchdog, solving crimes in Victorian era London as he awaits for the day of his revenge..

Initially a manga, **Kuroshitsuji** is written and drawn by **Yana Toboso** and is serialized in **Monthly GFantasy** with its chapters also published by **Square Enix**. It has received different adaptations, such as a 24-episode anime series produced by **A-1 Productions** and a second season which features new main characters **Alois Trancy** and **Claude Faustus**. It also has a third anime series entitled **Kuroshitsuji: Book of Circus** that was aired between July and September of 2014. Aside from these, it also has an OVA entitled **Kuroshitsuji: Book of Murder** and it was also been adapted to a live-action film back in January 2014. **Kuroshitsuji** also has a video game for the **Nintendo DS** entitled **Kuroshitsuji: Phantom & Ghost** that is developed by **Square Enix**.

A supernatural, mysterious story mixed with a bit comedy in a Victorian era England. Check out **Kuroshitsuji** if you want to see Ciel's path of revenge with his demon butler, **Sebastian**!

Infinite Stratos

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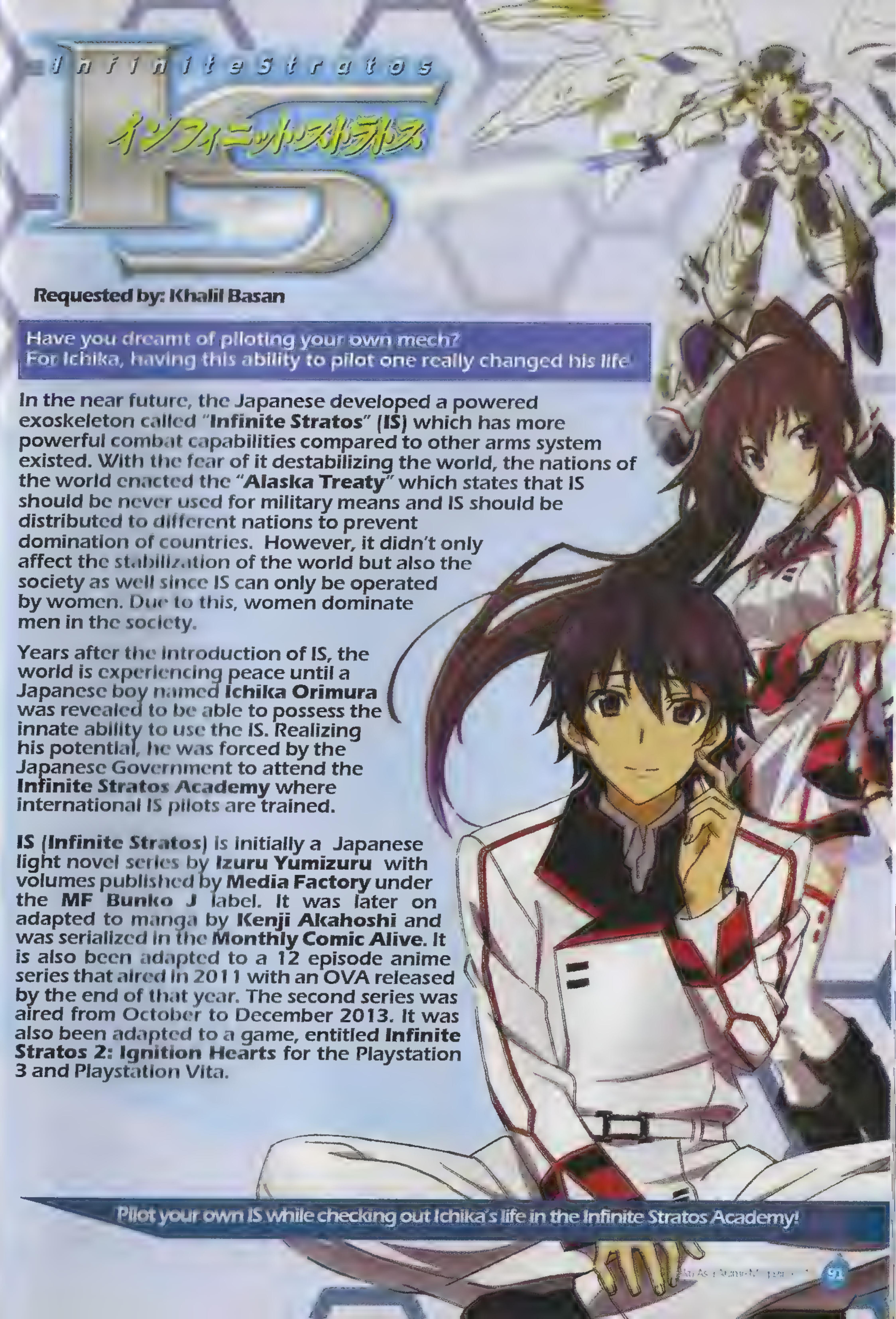
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Have you dreamt of piloting your own mech? For Ichika, having this ability to pilot one really changed his life

In the near future, the Japanese developed a powered exoskeleton called "**Infinite Stratos**" (IS) which has more powerful combat capabilities compared to other arms system existed. With the fear of it destabilizing the world, the nations of the world enacted the "**Alaska Treaty**" which states that IS should be never used for military means and IS should be distributed to different nations to prevent domination of countries. However, it didn't only affect the stabilization of the world but also the society as well since IS can only be operated by women. Due to this, women dominate men in the society.

Years after the introduction of IS, the world is experiencing peace until a Japanese boy named **Ichika Orimura** was revealed to be able to possess the innate ability to use the IS. Realizing his potential, he was forced by the Japanese Government to attend the **Infinite Stratos Academy** where international IS pilots are trained.

IS (Infinite Stratos) is initially a Japanese light novel series by **Izuru Yumizuru** with volumes published by **Media Factory** under the **MF Bunko J** label. It was later on adapted to manga by **Kenji Akahoshi** and was serialized in the **Monthly Comic Alive**. It is also been adapted to a 12 episode anime series that aired in 2011 with an OVA released by the end of that year. The second series was aired from October to December 2013. It was also been adapted to a game, entitled **Infinite Stratos 2: Ignition Hearts** for the **Playstation 3** and **Playstation Vita**.



Pilot your own IS while checking out Ichika's life in the Infinite Stratos Academy!

O-KUN TALES

The Otaku Asia editors suddenly turned into dangos!

They contacted a plushie hedgehog, Sebastian for help only to find out that he was going to give them poison!

The editors thwarted Sebastian and the skulls who gave him the poison but they are still dangos.

(The dangos used in the past issues were dangos from Perkee but are very dirty so we resorted to finishing the story using graphics.

Sorry. Please still love us.
-Editors)

READING THE LAST CHAPTER OF NARUTO



I GUESS? I MEAN THEY ALL DID GROW UP TOGETHER, FIGHT A WAR TOGETHER, WITH ALL THAT IN YOUR HEAD, YOU TEND TO REMEMBER THE ONE BESIDE YOU IN BATTLE.

EH~

WE'LL JUST WAIT FOR THE MOVIE.

IT'S GOING TO SHOW IN SM! LET'S WA- !



OK FINE BUT THEY JUST END UP WITH ONE ANOTHER.

THE CHOUJI PAIRING LOOKS RANDOM.

NARUTO BECAME THE HOKAGE~
SALADA ^3^





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Those Who Hunt Elves

Never go away without a bag packed with your everyday necessities, but Those Who Hunt Elves takes this advice to a whole new level when a group of three people from what was then considered modern-day Japan are transported into a fantasy world filled with elves and magic and not with a backpack with them, but a T-74 tank that has assorted weapons. After having their only hope, the spell of the high priestess Celcia turns to fragments which attach themselves onto bodies of some elves, the group, composed of Junpei, Ritsuko, and Airi, decides it's time to become elf hunters. Their mission? Strip elves naked to get their spells together again!

Those Who Hunt Elves as a fantasy comedy has had its earnings of both compliments and criticisms over the past decades of its existence ever since it first aired in 1996. Still, its name resounds in the anime community because it has turned comedy upside down with the simple but very funny plot. In addition to that is the way that the characters try to blend with each other's personality in order to finish their task and get back home. While viewers might expect violence because of the available weapons for the characters, this is kept to a minimum because the show is focused on the laugh trip from desperately trying to get elves naked. Not to worry, though, as the show is not rated as ecchi nor hentai. Finally, the music always gets high scores because it can make you groove to the beat with its retro disco feel.

From Yu Yagami's manga to the anime adaptation produced by Amuse, Those Who Hunt Elves is definitely not a throwback worth nothing, which is why there is a sequel to it (Those Who Hunt Elves 2). It's one that can outlast decades because finding something to laugh over is never too old. Why not pack one of those fits of laughter in your bag as well?



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